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Ontario college continues talks with Waterloo

"Our Christian college in a secular setting" — that's the challenge with which the members of the Ontario Christian College Association (OCCA) were confronted at their annual membership meeting in Hamilton on Saturday, November 17. The meeting was held in the gymnasium of Calvin Christian School, with about 120 people attending.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to the question of affiliation or the possible relationship between the new Christian college and the secular university by which it will be located. Rev. Henry De Bolster, the president of the board of governors, kicked off the meeting with an inspiring but at the same time sobering address on the theme for the day. He reminded the audience that in view of the history of the university in North America, the Christian character of a Christian college can never be taken for granted. The continued existence of the college as a *Christian* college, he stressed, will depend on its faithfulness to the direction spelled out in Scripture and its ability to make clear the unity of life. He concluded his remarks by reading some verses from I John 4.

Rev. De Bolster was then joined by four other members of the board who together made up a panel to respond to questions and comments from the floor. The four other panelists were: Rev. Ray Sikkema, Dr. Henk Van Andel, Dr. Al Wolters, and Dr. Jack Zeyl.

The people at the meeting had quite a variety of questions and concerns to air. Shouldn't the college be located in an

area where there is a strong, committed community? Has OCCA been in contact with the four church-related colleges at the University of Waterloo? Does the University of Waterloo understand what OCCA is really trying to do in the area of higher education? Can we rent facilities at the University of Waterloo? Does affiliation leave us somewhat weaker than independence with credit transfer arrangements? Would our college have dormitories and its own college center? These are just a few of the questions that were raised and discussed.

The panelists did their best to answer frankly and often supplemented each other's responses. Throughout the discussion and also in the written reports to the members, the board stressed that the final decision on the model for the college has not yet been made. The board has indeed entered affiliation talks with the University of Waterloo, but at the same time it has unanimously adopted a set of conditions that must be met by any affiliation agreement. The talks with the University will continue throughout the winter.

The first part of the meeting was concluded with the presentation of some musical numbers by The Ambassadors, under the direction of Mr. Harold De Haan. The audience showed great appreciation for the musical treat and also sang enthusiastically itself at several points in the meeting under the leadership of Miss Marian Van Til at the piano.

The business part of the meeting proceeded very quickly and smoothly. In the voting for board members, all five incumbents were re-elected: Rev. Henry De Bolster of St. Catharines, Mrs. May Drost of London, Dr. Remkes Kooistra of Waterloo, Rev. Ray Sikkema of St. Catharines, and Dr. Robert Vander Vennen of Toronto. The two remaining vacancies on the board were filled with new members: Dr. Henry Aay of Waterloo and Mr. Adrian Guldemond of Hamilton. Mr. Gary Van Eyk of St. Catharines has been appointed by the board in June to serve out the remaining year-and-a-half of a board vacancy caused by illness, and the members passed a motion approving this action. Mr. Van Eyk now serves as Treasurer.

The board announced that the position of executive director has been filled again. Dr. Theodore Plantinga, who previously held the position and has served as secretary of the board for the past year, was appointed to a two-year term (half-time) as executive director, effective immediately. The appointment was made at the board meeting held in the morning before the annual meeting.

When will the college open? The current state of the affiliation talks allows no predictions. All the board was able to say is that September of 1980 is clearly out of the picture, and that the earliest possible date is September, 1981. Even so, things would have to proceed very quickly and smoothly for that date to be realized. Much hard work remains to be done.

The Calgary conference pinpoints church's problems

by Wilma Vander Schaaf
Edmonton Editor

Twenty-five years ago, the Christian Reformed Church found a place to stand and room to grow on Canadian soil. Since that time we have responded to increasingly secularized society in both healthy and unhealthy ways.

We could ask whether we, as church have gleaned from the gospel, enough of the comfort, the power and the tools in our purpose to aid a destitute, apathy-stricken society. Are we, today, in tune to the crying need to stand together, to be a witness and a haven in a time of great disparity and want?

Calgary's First Christian Reformed Church was a meeting place for various people who had in common a love and concern for the Christian Reformed Church in Canada. The conference, held November 5 and 6, was a first in the history of the Christian Reformed Church in Canada. It was organized by an ad hoc committee of the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada to deal with the topic: "The past, present and future task of the Canadian Christian Reformed Church." The conference was unusual in that it was unecclesiastical in nature and structure (it was open to any concerned Christian) but dealt with an ecclesiastical topic. Input was received from congregations who completed a questionnaire sent out earlier this year, and from the participants at the conference who came from various points in Canada.

The topic of the conference and the way it was dealt with did not allow its participants to be oblivious to the urgency of defining the task of the Christian Reformed Church in Canada. It did not excuse anyone from sometimes causing division or discussing not-so-important issues while the world is on fire. The Christian Reformed Church had a chance to look at itself, evaluate its roots, its present suspended state, and its future mandate in a spirit of urgency, tolerance, excitement and above all, thankfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ who has led us with His Spirit so that there is life among us in spite of ourselves and our crooked motivations. There is a sense of healing in all this. To be able to see it and say it openly — Yes our own mistakes are obvious — as obvious as the mistakes of others have been to us —: The power of healing is present where rifts are acknowledged and an attempt at renewed understanding and tolerance is under way.

The formation of Christian Reformed congregations in Canada often had short range goals; the fulfillment of a multitude of needs beyond the ecclesiastical or spiritual scope. Immigrants had to find jobs, homes, schools and a social, ethnic familiarity in a foreign society. For most people these needs have been fulfilled and we find ourselves ready and willing to try and fulfill these for others. (e.g. Vietnamese refugees).

However, the Christian Reformed Church as a whole stands at the crossroads in the need of role definition, and renewed purpose. It seems ill-equipped for the obvious needs around it, because it has been weak in these areas.

Because of the strength of our traditions and our ethnic origins, we have remained somewhat isolated and introverted. We have hesitated to reach out whenever we could. Evangelism, in the broad sense, is bringing the healing power of Jesus Christ to bear upon this world. It means to minister to the aged, poor, single parent, depressed, to do justice or to see that justice is done, to bring the oppressed (the ones enslaved to the secular power, whatever it may be) to liberation in Christ. In this light, the purpose of our existence needs to be renewed.

As several contributors to the conference seemed to say: There is a lassitude among the Reformed Christians which results in several different self-serving expressions of Christianity. Rev. Henry Van Andel mentioned some in his keynote address: Having climbed the social ladder and become successful in financial terms, many have become too preoccupied with the things and pleasures money can buy. According to Rev. Van Andel, there is also a spirit of subjectivism (a tendency to moralism and pietism) which results in the emphasis on feelings and experiences rather than the assurance of God's promises. The Christian is emphasized rather than Christ and His work in us. Some charismatic movements tend to have this emphasis and become introverted and self-serving.

Thirdly, the Canadian Christian Reformed Church has suffered in its witness by division and intolerance within its own boundaries.

I greatly appreciated Rev. Van Andel's ability to place his finger on cancerous growth of intolerance and to name it, leaving none innocent. It set the tone for a conference where, realizing differences we can put them aside for a common concern. Our concern in its various aspects and yes... in its different expressions is to bring the healing power of Christ to bear on this society. Then, to coin a phrase Rev. Kuyvenhoven used, we will not only have a "place to stand, but a world to win" for Christ.

NEXT WEEK: How the speakers dealt with these concerns.

VIEWPOINT

Guest editorial:
Good reading material abounds in magazine world

Being good stewards of our Father's world includes taking a serious look at the energy crisis. That's exactly what writer James Taylor does in the November 1979 issue of the *United Church Observer*. He appears to have done his homework, giving a critical analysis on such sources of fuel as wind, tide, oil, solar, hydro electric, nuclear, and solar electric. Each is scored from A (solar) to D (oil), with details explaining his reasons.

An accompanying article by Roger Shinn calls for Christians to practice justice in the energy issue. He brings personal faith, morality and ethics into the picture, suggesting that the church take a firm stand and set an example in conservation and in seeing that all countries get their share of available fuels.

Another article by James Taylor states categorically that it is unnecessary for seventy million people to be starving across the globe. He offers concrete solutions: land reform being the leading promise along with literacy and facilities to store and distribute food. He makes the point that bigger farms do not necessarily make better use of technology and fertility; farmer education and careful crop monitoring can give better results if applied worldwide.

Moderator, George M. Tuttle, calls on the *Observer's* readers to "watch your language." He cites specific examples of sexist terms which may make women tend to feel like second class citizens, and sees this as a real danger in the church, where women as well as men want to share a sense of belonging.

"The case of the vanishing deaconess" by Muriel Duncan explores the United Church's dealing with the issue of women in office. The writer traces the function of deaconess back to the New Testament Phoebe, and notes that it is still being used within the denomination. However, a more recent move has made it possible for deaconesses to be either commissioned or ordained, bringing some practical problems into the situation. Both the pros and cons of ordination are explored.

In the same issue, a "first-hand report on the unknown war in Southern Africa" by Charlotte Maxwell reinforces the message: the United Church is heavily involved with social issues across the world. At the same time, thoughtful voices call for prayerful consideration of every question being discussed. The church must not become merely a social gospel; it must also, in the words of one letter writer, deal with what "this guy Jesus" said. "And he said a lot about eternal life, individual faith, and 'getting to heaven.'"

There's an interview with Billy Graham which reinforces that idea. Although he speaks on the topic of nuclear war, which he cannot see as "God's will," Graham makes the point that "God is concerned about the whole person. There is a danger that we will go to the opposite extreme and reduce the gospel to social activity. But what we all need to do is to return to the Bible afresh — not going to it to prove a point, but seeing it as the Holy Spirit opens our eyes. . . God is concerned about every area of life."

The *Observer* is probably the most readable of all denominational papers. It appeals to practically anyone who is reasonably literate, and who is concerned about the issues facing today's Christians. On the other hand, it does not get terribly involved (at least in those issues which I've read) in Biblical exegesis, ecumenism, or Christian involvement in education, labor, or politics. Not in the manner that Reformed Christians have become accustomed to, that is.

This same week we received a copy of *Vanguard*, a Toronto based Christian magazine which claims to focus on the "cultural, economic, political and social issues of the day." Sounds much like the *Observer's* goals, doesn't it? However, this paper is struggling with severe financial problems, and like many other publications is not sure of survival from month to month.

I could name other examples. Publishing any newspaper, magazine, or newsletter is becoming increasingly difficult in a time of high postal rates, heavy competition from radio and TV, and a seeming indifference to the printed page on the part of many church members.

Yet we live in an age where the ecumenical movement appears to be stronger than ever; where a Catholic Pope is welcomed by all denominations in a secular America; where dialogue between Protestants of all breeds and Catholics is an ongoing activity. So why don't some of those publishers, or the denominations which laboriously put together issue after issue of their favorite paper, get the message and start cooperating? I know it's a far-fetched notion, but somebody has to come up with it sometime: why not some interdenominational paper which could put together the professionalism and real social and religious concern of the *Observer* with the more traditional and conservative views of *The Banner* along with such marginal editions as *Vanguard*? I don't need to name another dozen publications; all of you know more of them. Maybe it's useful for each denomination to have its own paper; but somewhere along the line I see an even greater use for a publication which would keep all Believers informed about the others. Sort of a common Newsletter, with contributions from every single stream of thought, whether they be labeled conservative, liberal, charismatic, or any other brand.

The Reformed Ecumenical Synod is a start in the right direction, but I'd like to see a publishing venture which is even broader than that. Besides the obvious economic benefits of joining forces, there could be a true fostering of understanding between the many segments of the world-wide Church.

Anne Hutten

DATELINE: THE WORLD

Islam: What must I do to be saved?

by Johan D. Tangelder

How does the Muslim answer the question: "What must I do to be saved?" He would say: "Believe in the oneness of God, and in the prophet Muhammed and fulfill your religious duties."

Islam has no real concept of sin and grace. It pictures salvation primarily as an escape from the punishment of hell, which is the lot of the infidel. Salvation is not a gift of God, but the work of man. The path of salvation is the path of moral perfection.

The Koran teaches: "Go forth all of you from hence and if there comes to you guidance from me then he who follows my guidance shall have nothing to fear, nor shall they know distress" (Surah 2:38). In Islam, man gropes for God and tries to work out his own salvation. The path of salvation is the path of moral self-perfection. This basically optimistic view of man is woefully un-Biblical.

Islam's theology does not speak of original sin and of its transmission from generation to generation. It assumes that every man is fully competent to recognize the truth of the laws and to keep it. There is little need for grace. So Islam calls all men, whether Muslim or not, to submit and obey. The Islamic view of salvation leaves out the necessity of redemption and strengthens the Muslim's opposition to the work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Golgotha. Islam is the religion of the fallen man who makes law his master and teaches obedience as a way of salvation.

What are the religious duties the Muslim must perform for his salvation? In addition to the doctrines described in previous articles, Islam prescribes five obligations, also called the "Five Pillars." They are the recital of the Creed, Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and the Pilgrimage.

1. *The Creed:* The creed "There is no God but God, and Muhammed is the Prophet of God" is the shortest creed in the world. The more devout require that it be recited aloud and correctly at least once a day. And it must be understood with the mind and believed with the heart. The majority of Muslims, however, repeat the creed many times a day in any sort of context. Mere recital is believed to be enough to enroll a new convert in Islamic faith.

2. *Prayer:* The recital of prayers plays an important role in the life of the Muslim. The Muslim of the Sunni sect prays five times and the Shi'is three times a day. He may pray alone, in company, or in a mosque. He must face Mecca and be ceremoniously clean; either sand or water may be used for cleaning. He must pray in Arabic and follow a set form of words and a prescribed ritual. Particularily important is the congregational prayer at noon each Friday; attendance is a must for each male Muslim who lives in a sufficiently large community.

3. *Almsgiving:* Each Muslim must pay the zakat or income tax. The obligation is much less than the Jewish tithe. It is one-fortieth of the Muslim's annual income and may be paid either in cash or kind. It is used for the welfare of the poor and for "the way of God." This zakat is supposed to purify the Muslim's remaining wealth.

4. *Fasting:* During the month of Ramadan (or Ramadhan), the ninth month of the Muslim year, all Muslims except the sick, travellers, pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children are required to fast from dawn until sunset. This fast involves total abstention from food and drink. As the Muslim year is lunar, the fast sometimes falls at midsummer, when the heat is overpowering. This makes fasting an ordeal, especially the abstention from liquids. The purpose of the fast is to teach man's dependence upon the mercy and bounty of God. Peter Gordon Gowing says about the Muslim Filipino's fast: "To go without food and drink during the daylight hours every day for a month is a heavy burden which many find too hard to bear, so they will just observe the fast for a day or two at the beginning and at the end. Still, the night hours during Ramadhan are given over to chanting of the Qur'an in the homes of the faithful, and the taking of food by those who have observed the fast in the daytime."

5. *Pilgrimage* or Hajj: Every Muslim is enjoined to make at least one hajj to the holy city of Mecca. For the Muslim the pilgrimage is the highlight of his life. It is more meaningful than even birth or death. "And proclaim unto mankind the pilgrimage," it is written in the Koran. "They will come unto thee on foot and on every lean camel . . . from every deep ravine." Its value is stressed in such traditions as: "He who dies on the way to Mecca is enrolled in the list of martyrs," and "Every step in the direction of the Ka'ba (the sacred Black Stone in Mecca) blots out a sin."

Islam claims that salvation is of man. The Christian faith declares that salvation is of the Lord. A Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas: "Men, what must I do to be saved?" They replied: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30f).

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LETTERS

The grass is always greener at the pastor's place

Dear Sir:

Another clipping is added to my shoebox where I save all the poems and articles which are important to me: Rev. Vanden Pol's honest letter, "What is a minister without a good wife?"

In my mind I hear many collegues and their spouses say, after reading: "Good letter, glad he wrote that!" Me, too. Every sentence is true. We do take it for granted often that a good "domineeske" (like they say in the olden times) is one of the best bargains for the ministry and the minister.

However, most people do realize that every minister has to cope with a hectic job nowadays. Much more wisdom and counseling is needed then 30 years ago. In my life, I have been able to look behind the doors of close friends and relatives in the ministry. In July, I spent some time in Holland with relatives in two "pastories." We talked exactly about those things.

Congratulations to you, Rev. VandenPol, that you came to understand your receptionist-secretary-hostess-wife. I hope many will get their eyes opened with you. If a wife feels that her husband understands and, what is more, is trying hard, then she can stand a lot. She can move mountains.

But, but, but . . . Now I have to lead you on the other side of the mountain. Something that you too, have to realize, and that Rev. VandenPol forgot to mention. Look behind the doors of thousands and thousands of faithful and busy workers in God's Kingdom who are doing this besides their busy normal job which they have to do first. And their wives and children, who are often alone, have to put up with the same frustrated and overworked husbands, and need the same understanding from them to survive.

"Now kom je op je stokpaardje!" my husband, who passed away last year, used to say. But a minister's wife knew what one of her tasks in her new life was: She had to share her husband with many others. We didn't.

They have every summer, a long (and needed) vacation. Away from it all, and together as a family. Many of us don't have that, and we need it too, you know. A minister's wife always has a nice comfortable home. Never had to live in a cramped apartment, or together with other families, like we in the past.

She doesn't have to remind her busy husband to repair the many failures in the house or help her to wallpaper and paint and pull the storm windows in. She at least has the family together at the breakfast table. We saw daddy only at supper time. She never has to work outside the house in order to meet ends, like so many of us had to do.

All the trips which the church workers have to make, to visit people, often far into the country, cost them gasoline money, which is not covered. Hence, I have never heard anybody complain about it.

At last, a minister's wife lives a full life, never a dull moment and has a chance to meet many interesting people.

I don't mean to weigh off who has the heaviest load to carry. No, just get the record straight. So, minister's wives, look at the bright side: You are appreciated. Now look what you have as a pastor's wife, and many don't. I know you do. Look at others who have the same and other burdens. I know you do.

Fly off the handle now and then, but not too often, and not for long . . . and I know you don't. But above all; let us try hard, very, very hard, to understand and please each other, no matter how busy we are.

We are all human. We all are Christians, too. I know you are. And that is our greatest help. I know.

Hope Stroomenbergh,
Sarnia, Ont.

Winterfest planned

Dear Sir:

As a result of the enthusiasm shown for a repeat of Winterfest '79, the Belleville Young Adults teamed with Pastor Getkate will be organizing another winter retreat.

The three day outing is scheduled for the weekend of February 9, 1980, once more at Muskoka Inn, Gravenhurst, Ontario.

The Winterfest will begin Friday evening and run until Sunday afternoon. However, there will be an option left open for those who wish to stay an extra day, until Monday afternoon.

Registration will be on a first come, first served basis, since 85 places (only) have been reserved.

We hope to have a group discussion of Friday and Saturday evening for those who wish to participate. As for sports, the whole week-end will be geared to cross-country skiing, tobogganing, ice-fishing, skating and the like. We'll also have full use of the pool and sauna facilities. Meals are included, which just happen to be great! Ask anyone who participated in Winterfest 1979.

If any (or all) young adults are interested, please write to: Winterfest '80, Box 511, Belleville, Ont. K8N 5B2.

Prices and final details will be advertised in the near future in the *Calvinist Contact*. So look out for future ads!

We hope there will be an enthusiastic turn out. See you there!

For Winterfest '80,
Jo-Ann Van Reeuwyk

Unique church design means no wasted space

WALLACEBURG, Ont. (CCP) — Trinity United Church here will have useful rooms where most churches don't even have rooms.

After Trinity's former building burned down over a year ago, the members decided that instead of a church with a narthex which is largely unused, and rooms with specific purposes that are frequently empty, they would build a multi-purpose church.

The large gathering room in the new church is asymmetrical and has movable seating. It allows communion to be served from the centre, sermons can be preached from the pulpit at one side, and seating can be rearranged for concerts or other events.

A movable organ allows more space when a larger choir is required. The narthex can be used for overflow seating from the main gathering room; or it can seat 200 people for dinner; or it can become four separate classrooms without impeding traffic into the church.

A one-storey layout means that handicapped and elderly people have easy access to the building, and covered entrances shield everyone from severe weather. In fact, the church's 12,000 square feet do the work of 16,000.

Maturity required for marriage

ST. BONIFACE, Man. (CCP) — Anyone under the age of 18 must be considered to be lacking adequate maturity for Christian marriage, states one of the guidelines for marriage formulated by St. Bernadette's parish here.

The guidelines, initiated by Father R. Baudry, pastor, and the parish council, were approved for publication by Archbishop Antoine Hacault.

The guidelines also state: if the couple is under 20, or if a pregnancy is involved, they should receive proper counselling before any decision is made as to the marriage date: marriage is a right and privilege of those who are truly part of the Church; every means possible should be taken to discourage living together before marriage; couples should contact their parish a year in advance of the proposed marriage date; and an older married couple should assist the engaged couple in their growth and development.

Rev. Edward Den Haan, Guelph, ON
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Rev. William Dykstra, Kingston, ON
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New Year's Eve/Day questionnaire

Last week we asked for your response on a New Year's Eve service starting at 10 p.m. After the service we'll have a social get-together in the auditorium and ring in the New Year. If a sufficient number of members is interested, we will organize a babysit and have games set up for the younger children that stay up. We will not have a regular church service on New Year's Day, but we will try to arrange a joint service with Emmanuel Reformed Church and Hebron Chr. Ref. Church of Whitby.

( ) I/we like the idea of having a church service at 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and we will stay for the social hour afterwards.

We will attend with ..... persons.

( ) I/we would prefer to have a regular service on New Year's Eve.

Please place this in the collection plate today, or get it in as soon as possible.

Thank you,
The Worship Committee

Y.P.S., an intregal part of the church

Consistory wants to urge all our young people to attend and participate in our young people's groups. According to our Church Order, consistory shall promote youth organizations and serve them with counsel and assistance as well as supervise them. Our youth groups are intended to be for all our young people as a necessary and vital training ground for leadership in the church of tomorrow. Since they are voluntary and self-regulatory in nature, they depend in large measure upon your cooperation and responsibility, young people. Parents, take an active interest in the participation of your youth in their groups and encourage them to get involved.

First Chr. Ref. Church,
New Westminster, B.C.

In the spirit of the psalm

Psalter Hymnal No. 9 is an excellent rendering of Psalm 6. The felicitous wedding of the text with the Moravian tune "Batty" gives us opportunity to make our prayer wholly in the spirit of the psalmist. However, it is very important that the worshipper share the sentiment of the Psalm he sings lest he drone through the simple tune as a mournful ritual. The melody soon becomes monotonous unless one captures the spirit of anguished prayer, expressed already in the climb of the first phrase to the key word (anger, tarry, etc.). Stanza 5 reflects the suppliant's confidence. The period after plea should be a comma, since the meaning is, "He will grant my plea and will let enemies be routed and defeated." The "Amen" concludes the Psalm most fittingly.

Pastor J.M.V. Koole,
Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church,
Trenton, Ontario

How our Bible-study program fits in

The question has been asked why we do not combine our Households of Faith with the Grow Groups. There are at least three reasons why this should not be done.

First: Participation in the Grow Groups is on a voluntary basis, while membership in the Households of Faith is simply the natural consequence of belonging to the Church, the larger household of faith.

Second: Practice in other places has shown that items like mutal discipline and care for each other in times of illness and special needs, tend to become forgotten items on the agenda of the Grow Groups. Its agenda is already full with discussions on contemporary topics. That's why Grow Groups and Households of Faith should not be combined.

The third reason for not combining the two groups is that some people who just do not seem to like study sessions would stay away. They will not stay away from the Households of Faith for the simple reason that these households of faith deal with matters which belong to the very fact of their membership in the church.

By the end of next month we hope to have had our first meeting of the Households. We cannot emphasize strongly enough that those meetings can and will be short in as far as they only deal with very practical matters.

First Chr. Ref. Church,
Chatham, Ontario

Revival of an old Custom

Starting next Sunday, one of the elders will bring our pastor, or any visiting minister, up to the pulpit. The handshake will be the symbolic expression that council approves the use of our pulpit for the proclamation of the Word by the minister concerned.

First Chr. Ref. Church,
Vancouver, B.C.

More "Hope" for the Neighborhood

After the service this morning we ask you to remain seated for a brief meeting. You will be asked to approve the purchase of the vacant lot adjacent to Hope Centre, to allow for the construction of a new building. It will be used in conjunction with the Neighborhood Improvement Program for use in Hope Centre programs and community activities. This building would be run by a board of management made up of six Hope Centre board members and three community representatives. The purchase price of this lot is to be no more than $13,500.

Kildonan Chr. Ref. Church,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Bauru welcomes the gospel

Missionary Charles Uken visited us in March of this year. In July he and his family returned to Brazil and he writes from Caixa Postal 134, 17100 Bauru-SP, Brazil:

Dear Friends: We have been in our new post here in Bauru (bow-ROO) for two and a half months. To the east are sugar cane plantations and a reforestation project with a plywood mill. To the west, coffee plantations and cattle grazing. Bauru has a population of approximately 200,000.

Our task is to build up the believing community so that the group can be organized into a church and call a Brazilian pastor. This work is done in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church.

We have started evening worship on Sundays and put local men in charge of the Friday evening home prayer meeting. Clarice has started a ladies society twice a month.

With the young people we distributed 2000 tracts and invitations. A Presbyterian family from Sao Paulo and a young couple expressed desire to come to the Lord. Both families are attending more or less regularly.

About a mile from Jardim Redentor is a government housing project called President Geisel with 2222 houses. By the end of the year almost all should have occupants. Many young families move into this neighbourhood. The Central Church is buying land on the main bus route that links these two neighbourhoods together and to the city centre. The congregation now meets in a house which will soon be too small. To help the people towards financial responsibility, a separate bank account has been opened and the congregation pays for all local expenses: light, water, house payments, Sunday school and evangelistic literature, deaconal aid, and contributions towards construction of a new church building.

The Central Church would also like to start a church in Vila Falcao. There are only four Presbyterian families in this neighbourhood, but no neighbourhood outreach or meeting has been started. Clarice leads a women's Bible-study group in the home of a wonderful Christian woman. Eleven non-Christians attended the first meeting. Pray that these women will continue to grow in God's Word.

If interest and commitments grow, we can organize worship services on a regular basis. Four people from the Central Church have been chosen to form the first group of people for training in evangelism visitation. Two men are visiting with me in Jardim Redentor, but since they have only four years of schooling, I must give them training informally by example. It is more difficult for them to learn through books. Pray that these people will not be discouraged by tacit opposition or indifference to the Gospel message.

Sincerely in Christ,
Charles Uken

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Reformed

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— as stated supply for Vanastra, Ont., Rev. Peter Mantel, formerly of Peterborough, Ont.

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Kuyvenhoven moves
Rev. Andrew Kuyvenhoven, editor-elect of The Banner, the official publication of the Christian Reformed Church, left his congregation at Clarkson, Ont. November 22, moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. Kuyvenhoven will spend the next few months undergoing orientation to his new, full-time position as editor. He was selected from three candidates for the post at June's Synod. Rev. Kuyvenhoven is expected to assume his new duties early next summer.

Cochrane ministry
The church at Cochrane, Ont. has received some spiritual leadership in the recent appointment of a "part-time lay evangelist." Andy VandenAkker and his wife are graduates of Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. VandenAkker is a butcher by trade. He will combine both talents in Cochrane, working part time as a butcher and part time as a lay evangelist. He will be supported by the church, the board of home missions, and Classis Toronto.

FROM COAST TO COAST

ALBERTA
Brooks-CKBR..... 9:00 a.m. 1340
Drumheller-CJDV(Sat) 7:30p.m.910
Edmonton-CHQT...7:30 a.m. 1110
Edson-CJYR..... 10:00 a.m. 970
Ft. McMurray-CJOK9:00 a.m. 1230
High River-CHRB... 8:30p.m. 1280
Peace River-CKYL...7:00 p.m. 610
Taber-CKTA..... 9:30 a.m. 1570

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Abbotsford-CFVR. 11:30 a.m. 1240
Burns Lake-CFLD..9:15 a.m. 1400
Duncan-CKAY.....7:30 p.m. 1500
Kamloops-CFFM-FM (Sat)..... 10:00 p.m. 98.3
Langley-CJJC..... 10:05 p.m. 800
Osoyoos-CKOO....8:30 a.m. 1240
Penticton-CKOK....8:30 a.m. 800
Smithers-CFBV....9:15 a.m. 1230
Summerland-CKSP 8:30 a.m. 1450
Vancouver-CJVB...9:00 a.m. 1470
Vernon-CJIB..... 10:00 a.m. 940

MANITOBA
Altona-CFAM..... 9:30 a.m. 950
Boissevain-CJRB...9:30 a.m. 1220
Steinbach-CHSM...9:30 a.m. 1250
Winnipeg-CKJS.....9:15 a.m. 810

SASKATCHEWAN
Estevan-CJSL(Mon) 9:30 p.m. 1280
Regina-CKRM..... 10:30 a.m. 980
Saskatoon-CFQC(Sat. 9:30 p.m. 600
Weyburn-CFSL(Mon)9:30 p.m.1190

ONTARIO
Brantford-CKPC..10:00 p.m. 1380
Cornwall-CJSS.....8:00 a.m. 1220
Ft. Frances-CFOB..10:30 a.m. 800
Hamilton-CKOC...7:00 a.m. 1150
Kapuskasing-CKAP.9:00 a.m. 580
Kingston-CKLC....8:30 a.m. 1380
Ottawa-CFGO.....8:30 a.m. 1440
Owen Sound-CFOS..1:30 p.m. 560
Pembroke-CHOV(Sat)7:00 pm.1350
Sarnia-CHOK.....8:30 a.m. 1070
St. Thomas-CHLO..4:30 p.m. 1570
Stratford-CJCS.....9:00 a.m. 1240
Thunder Bay-CFPA.9:30 a.m. 1230
Toronto CHIN-FM...8:00 a.m. 101
Toronto-CKFH.....9:30 a.m. 1430
Wingham-CKNX...10:30 a.m. 920

NOVA SCOTIA
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Kentville-CKEN...5:00 p.m. 1490
Middleton-CKAD..5:00 p.m. 1350
Nw. Glasgow-CKEC 7:30 a.m. 1320
Sydney-CJCB.....8:00 a.m. 1270
Windsor-CFAB....5:00 p.m. 1450

QUEBEC
Montreal-CFCF....10:00 p.m. 600

NEW BRUNSWICK
Fredericton-CFNB..10:30 a.m. 550
Newcastle-CFAN....9:30 a.m. 790

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ONTARIO
CFML-Cornwall....9:30 a.m. 1170
CFCL-Timmins.....9:30 a.m. 620

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EVENTS IN EDUCATION

Ontario teachers rejuvenated at convention

by Richard Bouwma

Mr. Bouwma is a teacher at Jarvis, Ontario.

More than 500 teachers converged on Hamilton, Ont., to attend the annual Ontario Christian Teachers Convention recently. Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, adjacent to both Hamilton District Christian High School and Calvin Christian School, was filled during the opening addresses and devotions. Three teachers also had flown in from Thunder Bay and one from Truro, Nova Scotia.

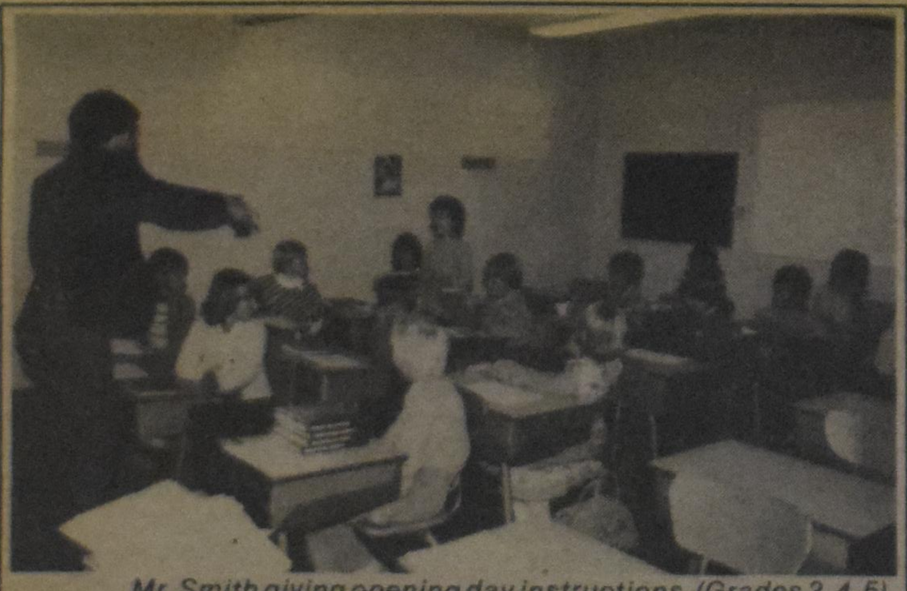
The theme for this year's convention was, "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100). This theme was reflected upon in the opening and closing addresses, the singing and communal devotions.

The first part of the passage, "serving the Lord," is commonly accepted, often without giving it much further thought. The second part, "with gladness," is sometimes lost sight of when day to day teaching gets into a rut or becomes difficult. Sources for encouragement are limited but not those that are offered by our God, as Rev. Jacob Vos pointed out. There are abundant reasons for gladness when we consider the fulness of salvation in Christ, God's daily care, the privilege of being co-workers with God, and the reward of grace.

The Christian Teachers Convention is not only a learning experience; it is also a place for mutual encouragement, for inspiration, for meeting old friends and for making new ones. One teacher commented on the more leisurely pace of the convention activities. There were fewer workshops to attend and more time to browse among the displays and to reflect on the impressions received. Formerly, conventions sometimes tended to become hectic when one rushed from one workshop to another and the input received did not get sorted out. Yet there always was and still is the regret of not having been able to listen to so-and-so, or to have attended such-and-such a workshop.

To my mind, one of the highlights of the convention is the communal singing. Whenever teachers meet they sing. The convention is no exception. We sang at the devotions, at the meals and lunches, and at the banquet. Every year we learn one new song, the theme song, which this year was; "Now make a joyful noise to the Lord." This song is sung at every occasion until we all know it and usually ends up in the songbooks in our classrooms. At the banquet we were thrilled by Pat Pepper's singing and telling of her coming from the darkness to the wonderful light of God's salvation in Christ.

The convention booklet mentions dozens of names of speakers, organizers, workshop and songleaders. Something could be said about the contribution of each one of them, which would be too much for the scope of these reflections. This much could be said: it takes the efforts of many people to make a convention successful. Somehow, with the input of all of these and by grace, we went home strengthened for the tasks that lie ahead and resolved to serve the Lord *with gladness*.



Mr. Smith giving opening day instructions. (Grades 3, 4, 5)

New school opens

The usual sunny skies prevailed in British Columbia's beautiful Okanagan Valley, as hundreds of children returned to school on September 4. For the Kelowna Society for Christian Education, an interdenominational society, it was a special day. They would be opening the doors of the Kelowna Christian School for its first time.

By 9 a.m., 36 children, their parents and supporters had assembled in the gym to hear opening remarks from board president Mr. Peter Ufkes, and principal Mr. John Franken. Mr. Bert VanderHoek, C.S.I. (Christian Schools International) representative for B.C., was also present to congratulate the school on behalf of the C.S.I. He stressed that no matter how small the start may seem, the Lord will bless it because we are doing His work. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. L. Draper of the Kelowna Alliance Church.

Children were then directed to meet their new teachers, Mrs. Ikebuchi (1,2,3), Mr. Smith (4, 5) and Mr. Franken (6, 7). Teachers and children then went to their rooms to become acquainted and begin a new school term in a Christian school.

The Kelowna Christian School is presently using the educational wing of the Kelowna Alliance Church. Three classrooms were equipped with blackboards and bulletin boards, and one room was converted to a staff-supply room and office area. The school also has the full use of the gym facility which is part of the church building. These facilities will be able to serve a school of about 90 children, and as the years go on, we will be looking to future growth. Such a facility is indeed a blessing of our Lord.

John Franken,
principal

What is OCSTA?

The intials stand for Ontario Christian School Teachers Association.

This association is made up of teachers who work in Christian schools which are members of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. In this way, the boards of schools and teachers are closely related, and stand for the same ideals.

At present we are working on associate or affiliate membership for those teachers who are Christians but who for one reason or another do not teach in a Christian school.

OCSTA is an incorporated body, with a representative board of 12 teachers. This general board elects its own executive. Chairman for the next three years will be Marlin Breems.

The board has various committees working to look after the various needs of our teachers. A couple committees are made up of teachers and Alliance board members. Some issues these committees deal with are: public relations, credentials, summer course work, and constitution matters.

Board(s) and committees are kept busy year round and an account of all the work done is given at the convention at a general meeting. We can truly thank God for all the opportunities He provides us with to serve Him in the field of education.

H. Nienhuis,
past president

Governor visits mission school

The visit of the pope to the North American continent, attracted very heavy media attention. Needless to say, the little Protestant school, located near Gallup, New Mexico was not on the pope's itinerary.

But, to the utter surprise of the staff and students at Rehoboth Christian School, their little campus was the target of a special visit from a "King." Selecting Rehoboth, a mission school, out of all the other possible public schools, private schools, mission schools, and Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in the area, Governor Bruce King of New Mexico, and a half dozen of his "Cabinet" did make an intimate visit at Rehoboth School.

"Instead of the customary canned remarks, that are expected at special assemblies when a Governor speaks, students were given the opportunity to propose questions to the distinguished visitor and his staff," reported Rev. Rolf Veenstra, recently retired Rehoboth pastor, and now volunteer librarian in the school. "All the queries were timely and perceptive, dealing with such subjects as abortion, liquor control, 'rights,' and bureaucracy. Some questions, frankly stumped his nibs," said Veenstra.

The Rehoboth student body president, Sharlene Begay, had the privilege of making a closing presentation.

Sharlene is the daughter of Mr. Eddie T. Begay, a Council member of the Navajo Tribal Council and a person who has been active several years in New Mexico and Arizona politics. He is a former member of the Christian Reformed Board of Home Missions.

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Small Talk

Again, as in previous years, I am urged by the store keepers of this nation to "Wrap It Up Early." My Christmas shopping, that is. And "Why don't I charge it to my account?", they coax and prod. They seem committed to make this time of year as pleasant and painless for me as they possibly can. All they would allow me to worry about are the bills which, I am glibly assured, won't arrive until after the fun is over. Apart form that nasty little detail, I'd have no cares at all. Touching, isn't it?

I'd have the elegant decanter for Auntie Jane, the expensive pen and pencil set for Uncle Harry, the Fisher Price toys for the grandchildren and the "Breakfast in America" record for the paper boy, all wrapped up, nice and early.

Also, I'd have that fine, pure linen table cloth, those crystal glasses and that artistic centerpiece to impress my guests who'd then talk about my qualities as a hostess for weeks. One trip to the store where I'd pick it all out, or even one phone call, would do. That magic number of my account would make it all come true.

Articles in glossy ladies magazines spell out my duties as a homemaker who owes it to her family to plan ahead which is a euphemism for scrub, shop, bake, cook, fry, freeze ahead. They also urge me to fabricate my own decorations and to surprise my friends with homemade jams and cookies and to knit them egg-warmers and pot-holders which they'll never use. And shouldn't I try my hand at Christmas cards, too? Imagine the look on my neighbors' faces when they discover my ambition and creativity!

Then, thoughtfully, there's an article on how to remain calm and unperturbed throughout the whole ordeal.

Meanwhile, colorful ads, flyers and catalogues keep cluttering my porch. I really had not given this coming rat-race much thought until, in a big department store, I innocently wandered from among the leftover Halloween masks and costumes into the area of tinsel and foil, candles and artificial trees. The apparent continuity of occasions to whoop it up startled me.

Dismayed, I looked at all the gaudy stuff and knew that something was very wrong. What in the world had all of this to do with Christmas? 'twas not that I saw it all for the first time. Or perhaps I did. Perhaps, after all those years I really saw how utterly vulgar it all is. How unworthy of the Child who left His Father's house to descend into all this rubbish. Again I looked at the angel hair, the plastic poinsettias and the stars of foil. Was I prepared to go home and throw out my own collection of perhaps slightly more tasteful decorations?

I stalled and thought back to our first Christmas in Canada, when we hesitantly accepted a gift from our next door neighbors: a tiny stable, complete with the figures of Mary and Joseph and the Baby in the manger, surrounded by an assortment of donkeys and sheep. Come to think of it, it had made more sense than the mobile of Santa Clauses which was presently being hung from the ceiling, by a store clerk.

I thought even further back, to my childhood. Then, a tree had been out of the question. It didn't belong, we were told. A few branches cut from the evergreen in the backyard, some red ribbon and a package of white candles were the only challenge to our decorating efforts.

Surely, it didn't need any planning ahead. Presents had been handed out three weeks before and couldn't possibly have taken more than one afternoon to shop for as they were sensibly kept to one per person, within the immediate family circle. People did scrub and sweep and polish, however, I recalled with a chuckle. After the Fall cleaning had been completed in mid-October or so, women dutifully pulled up their sleeves again by late November to give the house a "good going-over" before that magic date of December 25.

But there I was, endless years and thousands of miles removed from those simple, uncomplicated days, or so they seemed to me now. I finished my shopping and drove home through the early dusk of a dreary November afternoon. It was understandable, wasn't it, I reflected, that the Christmas season was seen as a beckoning, comforting light at the end of the dark country road. People keep their eye on it and eagerly move towards its warmth and security. Intimate family living, so scarcely enjoyed in our mobile, restless society finds an incentive in that glowing core of the winter time and there seems to be a need to exploit it for all it's worth in this respect.

I can't have any quarrel with that. It's the commercialism and the misinterpretation of the glad tiding that bothers me. And many Christians have decided, in the course of time, not to be different any longer and we've allowed ourselves to be caught up in the same unholy trap with all the rest, year after year.

We've piously assured one another that really, there's no harm in all the excitement and a banquet or two, as long as our heart is fixed on the real reason for Christmas. This may be so. But I dare say that uneasy pangs of doubt beset many of us at times, when we realize how our partying tends to drown out the angel's message and how our preoccupation with gift-giving and all the other hustle and bustle prevents us from keeping our soul and mind focussed on Him, whose birth we are to celebrate. His birth and our salvation!

I really like the Christmas season. Its warmth and sense of goodwill and its promotion of togetherness. I admit to a romantic streak and I have not thrown out my decorations after all.

But I for one am going to "Wrap It Up Early" this year. My preoccupation with silly concerns, that is. I'm going to wrap up the worries about finding the right gifts, the right dress, serving the right food and I'm going to bury it all under the Joy that floods me when I think of what Christmas really is all about. Care to join me?

Lynn Miller

PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Teaching God's Commandments in the home

by Rev. Ralph Heynen

We all talk a great deal about the crime and lawlessness that we see in the world about us. We hear constantly of people being shot and killed. Almost every day we read of robberies and holdups. When we talk about this kind of lawlessness, we ought to remember that the back of it all is the home and the family. God's law ought to be taught in the home because that's where it all begins

It's a thought that has been emphasized a good deal in more recent years. Menninger wrote this book, *Whatever Happened to Sin*, and asked the question, "Can we explain all of these things in psychological terms or is it a breakdown of the moral structure of society?" In a recent survey of religious attitudes it was found that the majority of the people that were interviewed did not know the Ten Commandments. Almost 80% admitted that they could not mention all ten of them. This may well show a lack of interest in the Bible because many people don't know the Bible too well. But even in the Christian churches there is often little emphasis on the demands of the Law of God as given in the Ten Commandments.

Ann Landers, in a recent column, related the story of a 14-year-old girl who was having premarital sex with a boy she was dating. She wrote to Ann and wanted to know what time of the month was safe, since her religion forbade her to make use of birth control devices. Ann Landers wrote back, "Your religion forbids you to do what you are doing at any time of the month." Evidently this girl had not thought of the fact that what she was doing was sinful and was a transgression of the commandments of God.

Often, when talking with young people, they don't seem to be aware of the fact that sexual experimentation is called "fornication" in the Bible. They assume that if neither of the partners is married and if they are in love with each other and if no one objects, it is perfectly alright and it's not a sin. Couples living together without benefit of marriage are also living in the same sin. Often when we use the word "fornication" people will say, "Well, what's that?" They haven't the slightest idea and yet the Bible uses it very commonly and talks often about adultery and fornication.

We know that today there are couples who go out for a weekend together now and then or they go on a vacation together and they sleep in a van or pup tent, somewhere in the wilds. They don't see anything wrong with this. There's something beautiful about having two people who are in love, living together that way and sharing with each other to the full. Some will even argue that this may be a good preparation for marriage, if they experiment a little bit.

In the light of modern psychology this may sound a bit strange since it is not in line with the permissive approach, but I think Carl Menninger performed a real service, when a man of his stature starts talking about sin. Oh, his view of sin may not be exactly what you and I consider to be sin, but it's an emphasis which I think we've needed for a long, long time. Teaching the law and commandments of God to our children is important, but I don't believe we should do it in such a way that we're going to try to scare our children into behaving.

It can be frightening to a child who has been caught in the act of stealing that he is told, "That's a sin against God." It will depend to a large extent how these lessons are taught. I don't like the idea of trying to frighten children into behaving anyway. Somebody may say to a child, "The Lord will punish you if you do these things." That brings to the mind of a sensitive child, a picture of an angry God. I imagine most of us had some picture of God when we were younger; often the picture of God sitting on a throne, looking very stern and angry. As we become older we know this is not a true picture of God, for we learn to see God as He reveals Himself in Christ.

The home must teach the grace of God in Christ just as loudly as it teaches the law of God. A child may be helped when he has feelings of guilt about what he has done, but he must also know that there is a grace of forgiveness. Teaching only the stern demands of the law may teach a child to feel guilty, but he must also reach the point where he asks for forgiveness and where he feels forgiven in Christ.

I've known some parents who would take a youngster who had told a lie or had stolen something, into the bedroom and would kneel next to the bed and pray with them for forgiveness about the sins that they had committed.

In some cases this may be effective, particularly in a very sensitive child, but in general it might have been better if the youngster had been punished for what he had done and then would feel the forgiveness of his parents after he had received his punishment. Sometimes a good paddling can be more effective than just praying with a child. The punishment that parents administer to children can then lead them also to the point where they can feel that the parents love them and that God loves them too, because He is a forgiving and loving Heavenly Father.

When you think about this adolescent who was acting out sexually, it would be well for parents to talk in terms of sin. No, it's not an unpardonable sin, but it's sin and it's wrong. I do think that often in the days gone by, we've stressed this sin at the expense of other sins. We've made a lot more fuss about sexual experimentation and sexual acting out than we did, for example, if a child stole something or told a lie. We all, as adults know very well, in a congregation or group of people, when there is some sexual difficulty, we all pull back and say, "My, that's awful." But here we are gossiping — isn't that also sinful? Isn't that also wrong? We ought to think in terms of the fact that sin touches every area of life. It touches the mind, heart, and even reaches down into our inner feelings. To lust after a woman, is also sinful. To covet is sinful. For this reason we ought to teach the commandments of God, but teach them in such a way that they are a wholesome influence in the lives of youngsters.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

We are often awed by the accomplishments of the modern electronic brains, but have you ever considered that the potentials of the human mind are far greater. In man there are powers of the soul that link him to an eternal God. We are made in His image and created by His hand and made to His glory. That gives us a link with God.

Edmonton annexation is theme at CJL meeting

by Harriette Stellingwerff

The Edmonton affiliate of C.J.L. held its annual meeting October 29. For the balance of the meeting, Alderman Ed Kennedy of Edmonton, shared with us, his considerations on responsible urban reform.

Currently, Edmonton is debating the annexation of several outlying communities to come under its jurisdiction. According to Kennedy, land use control is the name of the game. Therefore, he feels that annexation of the Edmonton region under one central government would present a safeguard to limited natural resources such as water and land. One governmental authority could provide a unified and comprehensive plan for their use, whereas several authorites would tend to use resources irresponsibly in growth competition with one another.

Ald. Kennedy stated that he had no illusions about the loss of local voice and the inefficency of governmental red-tape in dealing with different communities if the annexation proposal were to go through, however, he felt that this could be countered by decentralizing civic administration to local centres.

He also emphasized how our North American committment to unlimited growth is draining our limited resources. For example, water, which we take so much for granted, is dropping as much as 13 feet per year in places. To bring this closer to home, a product of our civilized world which wastes a large amount of water is the flush toilet. Yet dry toilets have been designed which can reprocess our wastes into clean fertilizer.

One must critically question why this and other ecologically responsible technology is not seen more often.

Following Alderman Kennedy's presentation, the meeting dealt with several business matters. The financial situation was discussed and elections for the local board took place. Jason VanDoesburg, Harry Groenewold and Trudy Richardson were newly elected and Kathy Vandergrift was re-elected to serve another term. Also, Harriette Stellingwerff was formally welcomed as the new part-time staff person.

Homes torched in schools' conflict

Vancouver (CCP) — A debate over 'fundamental schools' in B.C.'s Fraser Valley has become so heated that an unknown arsonist recently set fire to the homes of five educators, three of them school principals. Another principal and one director of elementary education have all been connected with supporting fundamental schools. Four houses are in Aldergrove, and one is in Sardis.

According to newspaper reports, trouble has been brewing since 1974 when a fundamental school program was established in two of Langley's 28 elementary schools. The program stresses a back-to-basics type of education and "Judeo-Christian ethics". The schools were created to give parents a choice of a more disciplined learning environment than is provided in the regular elementary school. Langley Central and Langley Prairie elementary schools have the fundamental program.

Much of the trouble has been between the Langley school board and the B.C. Teacher's Federation. In the most recent school board elections several candidates were successful on a platform which supported the fundamental program and they have continued to show public support for it. The initial complaint of the B.C.T.F. was that students and teachers had to subscribe to the "Judeo-Christian philosophy" in order to be allowed into the fundamental schools. The federation also resented implications by some that the fundamental schools were superior to the other schools. Some teachers expressed worry that the value system would be imposed on more schools in the district.

Record Mennonite budget set

Calgary (CCP) — Some 600 delegates to the 77th annual session of Conference of Mennonites in Canada in July unanimously passed a record budget of $1,146,000 without discussion. They also approved a practical theology department at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg and construction of an apartment complex for married students. To be financed by a $50,000 per year gift to the college over a 5-year experimental period, the department will strengthen or introduce these areas into the curriculum: hermeneutics, homiletics, counselling, Christian education, peace studies, clinical training, supervised experience in ministry, communicating the faith and extension courses.

Congregations were asked to make capital punishment an issue for study this year in preparation for delegate discussion in 1980.

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The Adventures of the Jolly Baker

by W.G. Vandehulst

97. What was happening behind those curtains?
The valets, the courtiers, the generals — all pressed forward to find a crack to peer into the room. But there was none. The king had pulled the drapes behind him as if to say, "What happens here is none of your business."

But all those outside the room were wild with curiosity. And what if some harm came to their king, alone behind the curtains?

Behind them came the other king with his retinue. The Commander-in-chief was in the procession too; he was limping a little.

But no one dared to open the curtains. What could he be doing?

98. Amazing! There stood the king who had been so angry only a moment ago — smiling into the room.

Who or what had cast such a sudden spell on the king, changing him into a completely different person?

He looked at the table in the corner, the table on which the Commander had put the golden platter of leftover buns. He looked and smiled and nodded his head. He held his long, slender finger up to his lips as if to keep a big secret. "Shh! All right, all right," he whispered. Then he quickly stepped toward the table, stretching out his arms. His eyes were filled with longing and tenderness.

99. What had happened in the king's angry heart?
How had this sudden change come about?

On a chair beside the table sat a little boy; he was kneeling on the chair, close to the golden platter of leftover raisin buns. His cute, mischievous eyes sparkled with delight, and he held one little finger up to his mouth as if to say, "Shh! Don't tell anybody."

That was why the angry king had also put his finger to his mouth, "Shh! All right, all right."

This was the little enchanter who had suddenly cast a spell on the king, changing him from an angry to a friendly man.

100. It was the cheerful little prince.

He had been playing with the head of the large tiger rug that lay spread on the floor when the Commander had burst into the room, hastily dumped something on the table, and then rushed off again. He hadn't seen the little prince playing on the floor.

Now the little prince sat at the table close to the platter of raisin buns. Mmm! They smelled so good. Were they all sour like the first one? He'd taste one more. No, this one wasn't sour: it was delicious. One more. It was probably all right; the strange king had probably had enough.

101. As the little prince sat enjoying his second bun the curtains over the doorway were suddenly thrown aside. He jumped in fright. In the doorway stood a strange man dressed in beautiful clothes. The little prince had never before seen him.

The man looked terribly angry. The little prince thought, "Oh-oh, he's angry because I'm eating the buns." But, no, that wasn't it, for the little prince saw the man's angry face suddenly begin to soften. The prince's fear slowly left him. "Oh, I know why he's here," he thought. "He came to taste one of the buns too." That was all right; there were plenty.

102. But what if the Super Oily Chef found out? He could look so terribly angry too. Not like this man — the chef always looked like he really meant it. He frightened the little prince so that he quickly ran away.

No, he hoped the Super Oily Chef didn't catch him. That was why he pressed his finger against his lips: "Shh! Don't tell anybody." And the strange man must have been afraid of the big chef too, because he also whispered, "Shh! All right, all right." And he quickly closed the curtain behind him.

The little prince held out his hands to him, a raisin bun in each hand. "It's all right; you may have one." He slid off the chair and walked toward the man who was looking at him with such friendly eyes.

103. When the strange king saw the cute little boy, he quickly pulled the curtains shut behind him. No one else need know the big secret that the little prince shared with him. And no one else need see that the little prince suddenly made him feel so happy, so cheerful.

The strange king had no children of his own, but he loved them very much. He was always stern and harsh with grownups, but the open, honest look of a child made his heart melt with happiness.

And this little boy had stolen his heart with one look. The strange king forgot all his anger, forgot his hurt pride, forgot his revenge; he sat down on the chair and took the little prince on his knee.

104. "You're a fine boy," he said.

"You may have this one. It's really good."

Good? Those buns good? For a moment a shadow passed over the king's face, but the boy pushed the raisin bun into his mouth. Overcoming his distaste, the king bit into the bun — just to please the friendly little boy.

"Good, isn't it?"

"Mmm! Yes, it sure is!" And he meant it. This bun was delicious. It didn't have a pine cone in it.

"Here, you may have another one. This one is even better; see how nice and brown it is? Do you like raisin buns?"

"Oh, yes! I love them!" said the king.

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The Paper Myth

He stormed into my study like a tank joining the line of battle, guns ablaze. His cheeks were flushed with anger, and his eyes showed his fury. He settled himself into my old family heirloom rocking chair with a force that signalled the end of that piece of furniture's usefulness. Looking for a place where to slam his fist, he found none, and his upright arm halted somewhere in mid-air which gave his angry words the dramatic effect of a solemn incantation.

"I want my papers," he said. His tone of voice had the same insistent finality with which Cato in the Roman Senate must have demanded the destruction of Carthage. Not altogether unfamiliar with current Christian Reformed terminology, I understood that the man wished to terminate his membership in the church, but some capricious streak within me spurred me on to play dumb.

"What papers might that be," I inquired sweetly, trying in vain, I guess, to look like an overweight cherub of innocence. He was not to be fooled by my trickery.

"You know d . . . well what I mean," he blazed in response, again trying in vain to find a place to hit something with his fist. Years of experience have taught me to remove from my study all objects that can cause bodily harm, or that might be contributory to the commitment of assault and battery. That safety measure afforded me only slight consolation because the man in the by now decrepit rocking chair was himself more than two hundred pounds of potential harm.

I explained that there were no such things called "church papers," giving a short explanation of the process by which consistories facilitate the transfer of faithful members into the care of other churches.

For all the effect my brief and brilliant exposition had, I could as well have remained silent as the Statue of Liberty. My exhortation had one result though. The man's anger now focused on me like a hurricane on the coast of Florida.

He was not going to leave my study without his papers. He would, in case of my persistent refusal, overturn my desk. He would engage the services of a lawyer. He would sue the church, myself personally, and all in any way connected with the local congregation.

I had visions of myself in the witness stand, explaining to the judge that yes, I did write in the bulletin that we received the membership papers of so and so, but no it wasn't really true because the darned things did not exist."

Remembering the amazing amounts of money that judges sometimes award as payment for damages, I threw the psychological switch to get myself in the conciliatory attitude. Ministers can do that you know. They just throw switches somewhere in their innermost being to take on different pastoral roles. It is like sticking punched cards into a computer; presto the required role comes out. We are programmed to make these changes.

It was all to no avail, alas. There was a critical moment when I saw the man weighing the satisfaction of giving me an old slam-danger of an uppercut against the costs of such forceful gesture. The future shape of my nose was determined in that single timeless moment.

Against my expectation reason conquered impulsivity, and the man stormed out of my study, slamming the door with such excessive emphasis that my Classical Diploma, signed by the Rev. Joosse, fell from the wall, and the glass broke in a couple of hundred pieces.

I counted my blessings: the filing cabinet with old sermons in it was still in an upright position, the rocking chair was a goner, and the Classical Diploma only hung on the wall to hide an ugly dark spot on the wallpaper. I could possibly manage to reach the end of my ministerial career without the prominent display of Classis Chatham's fiat on my membership among the men of the cloth. All in all I had not come out too bad.

But it was then that I pledged to myself that I would write about this paper myth. Being a man who is always true to my own intentions I will now many, many years later acquit myself of an earlier accepted responsibility. This article then is in origin somewhat akin to Luther's entrance into the monastery; both find their explanation in a miraculous deliverance, the only difference being that Luther was somewhat more reckless in his promise and much more prompt in acting upon it.

Well folks, get ready for one more disillusion: there truly are no such things as church papers. In case a member of the congregation moves to another area, the consistory of his earlier domicile will write the fathers and brethren of his future place of residence recommending that person into the care of the fellowship of faith.

Alas consistories themselves perpetuate the paper myth by sending around forms which are called "Certificate of Membership" which rather imperiously proclaims that so-and-so" is a baptized member of above named congregation and consequently subject to the instruction and discipline of the Christian Reformed Church in America." I presume that the document does not want to state that Canadians must seek their instruction South of the border, nor that eventual discipline can only be exercised in the "home of the brave," but it is a fact that the imperiousness of the tone is somewhat softened when the actual purpose of the missile is stated: "we therefore request the Consistory (always capitalized of course, you simply must write Consistory with a capital "c") of the . . . . . Church at . . . . . to take . . . . . under their Christian direction and to continue to instruct . . . . . in the doctrine of truth unto godliness."

You see that so-called Certificate of Membership is simply a request of one consistory made to another consistory: "Please take him/her into your care."

The arrival of such papers at the address of the clerk no more makes a person a member of a congregation than the presence of a wheelbarrow in a garage transforms that piece of equipment into an automobile. Nor can or must any consistory automatically presume that acceptance of the person into the fellowship of faith is totally dependent on that assembly's decisions. Good Reformed Church policy requires that new members are received by the fellowship, the communion of believers. Consistories may only recommend, and seek the congregation's approval. Statements on bulletins such as "the consistory accepted the membership papers of so-and-so" are totally contrary to our accepted practice.

What the consistory ought to publish is the fact that a request has been received from another church to take someone into pastoral care, and with respect to eventual membership the consistory must seek the congregation's approval.

Moreover, and most important, membership in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ must always be because of a confession. People ought to apply orally for membership by approaching the fellowship through the consistory. This sending around of papers certainly alerts consistories to the presence of prospective new members. To conclude from those papers that actually people have joined the congregation is wrong, and leads to inflated membership records.

It would be well if consistories would hand members who leave testimony of godliness and of upright standing in the fellowship. Upon arrival in a new church, the surrendering of that document in person would be a suitable confession, and application for membership.

It is a fact that membership in the church does not depend on the presence of certain papers in the filing cabinet of the clerk, but rather on the commitment of the member. This member can also make known his will to terminate his membership without the necessity of a ceremonial presentation of a piece of paper.

There is no such thing as "church papers." Herewith I consider myself discharged of a responsibility, a pledge which I took upon myself in an hour of extreme fearfulness. I have paid my vow.

by Carl D. Tuyl

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French Protestantism today

by Aaron Kayayan

Rev. Kayayan is French-language minister of the Back to God Hour radio ministry, stationed in Paris.

Paris (RES) — Statistics on French Protestantism do not agree, for they vary between 800,000 and 2,000,000. The more certain data concern the established ecclesiastical bodies, such as the eight denominations forming the Federation Protestante de France: Eglise Reformee de France, Eglise Reformee Evangelique Independante, Eglise Reformee d'Alsace et de Lorrain, and two Lutheran churches, one Baptist and one Pentecostal. Other very small groups include independent Baptists, Methodists, free churches, and the Assemblies of God, with 400 or more congregations.

There are four theological seminaries, the most important one being in Strasbourg, which, because it is in the Regime concordataire of the Alsace-Lorrain area of France, is sponsored by the State. The two seminaries of Paris and Montpellier have been united into an Institut Superieur de Theologie. The two remaining schools are more conservative: the Faculte de Theologie Evangelique, in Vaux, with Baptist leanings, and the Faculte de Theologie Reformee in Aix-en-Provence. This last school has existed since 1938, the date of the separation of the Eglise Reformee de France, from the original Eglise Reformee Evangelique. The last denomination grouped itself under its present name of Eglise Reformee Evangelique Independante, with more than thirty congregations in the southern part of the Hexagone, and has large congregations in Paris, Marseille, Nimes, Montpellier and elsewhere.

In the main, since the 16th century, French Protestantism has known two radically opposed theological and spiritual trends. The liberal one, with its particular developments during the 19th century, and its present point of non-return: total secularisation. Christian atheism, Marxist Christianity, theology of violence and the ethics of extreme permissiveness. The other trend, which is very much influenced by pietistic and revivalistic theologies, was imported either from German or Anglo-Saxon movements.

Except for some very minor exceptions, Calvinistic thought has not been very influential in the country of John Calvin. One of the best representatives of this thought in recent years has been Andre Bieler.

In such a situation the necessity of the creation and the launching of a Reformed movement was felt by many members, especially of the Eglise Reformee de France. It gave birth to the Association de Chretiens Reformes Confessants (ACRC). Its aims have been to help ministers and members of the Reformed Church of France to remain faithful in their church, to witness to the integral Gospel, and to combat unbiblical, un-Christian and thoroughgoing paganism. It offers help also to others who are of a more pietistic or conservative type to discover, or re-discover, in the Reformed faith inherited from the 16th century, the firm foundations for church life, for personal piety, and for the whole range of Christian activities and witness in the modern world.

The ACRC has more than 400 members, among them a hundred or more ministers. The writer is persuaded that the Association is a spiritual force with a very important role to play in the present situation. The movement has already made many interventions. A recent "Declaration," published in the French Protestant press, opens the doors to other members of Reformed churches in France, rather than restricting it to the Eglise Reformee de France.

An "Appeal for the Reformation of the Church" is being sent to hundreds of ministers and lay people of our churches. A monthly publication, containing messages, news and comments will be distributed very soon. President of the ACRC is Dr. Andre Coste and vice-president, Pasteur Pierre Courthial.

We also should mention Perspectives Reformees, the French Back to God Hour. Its radio ministry includes some six weekly programs on the European continent and broadcasts in Quebec and French-speaking Africa.

Its regular publication, the quarterly Perspectives Reformees, and other books, have been a valuable help for many French Reformed believers.

Let it be stated in conclusion that, had the Eglise Reformee Evangelique Independante been encouraged by many "Reformed" personalities in 1938, and had our friends in that church gotten all the necessary help, their role would have been much more important. Unfortunately, some well-intended persons did not give to the small church, the only confessing Reformed church in France, the necessary attention.

The historical "mistake" has proved to be disastrous for the whole of French Protestantism. Yet French Protestantism is under the care of its head, who still gathers His church every day by His Word and Spirit. It is our conviction that nothing may yet be lost in the country of John Calvin. May the meeting of the RES churches in Nimes next summer bring to French Reformed Christians much needed fellowship and encouragement.

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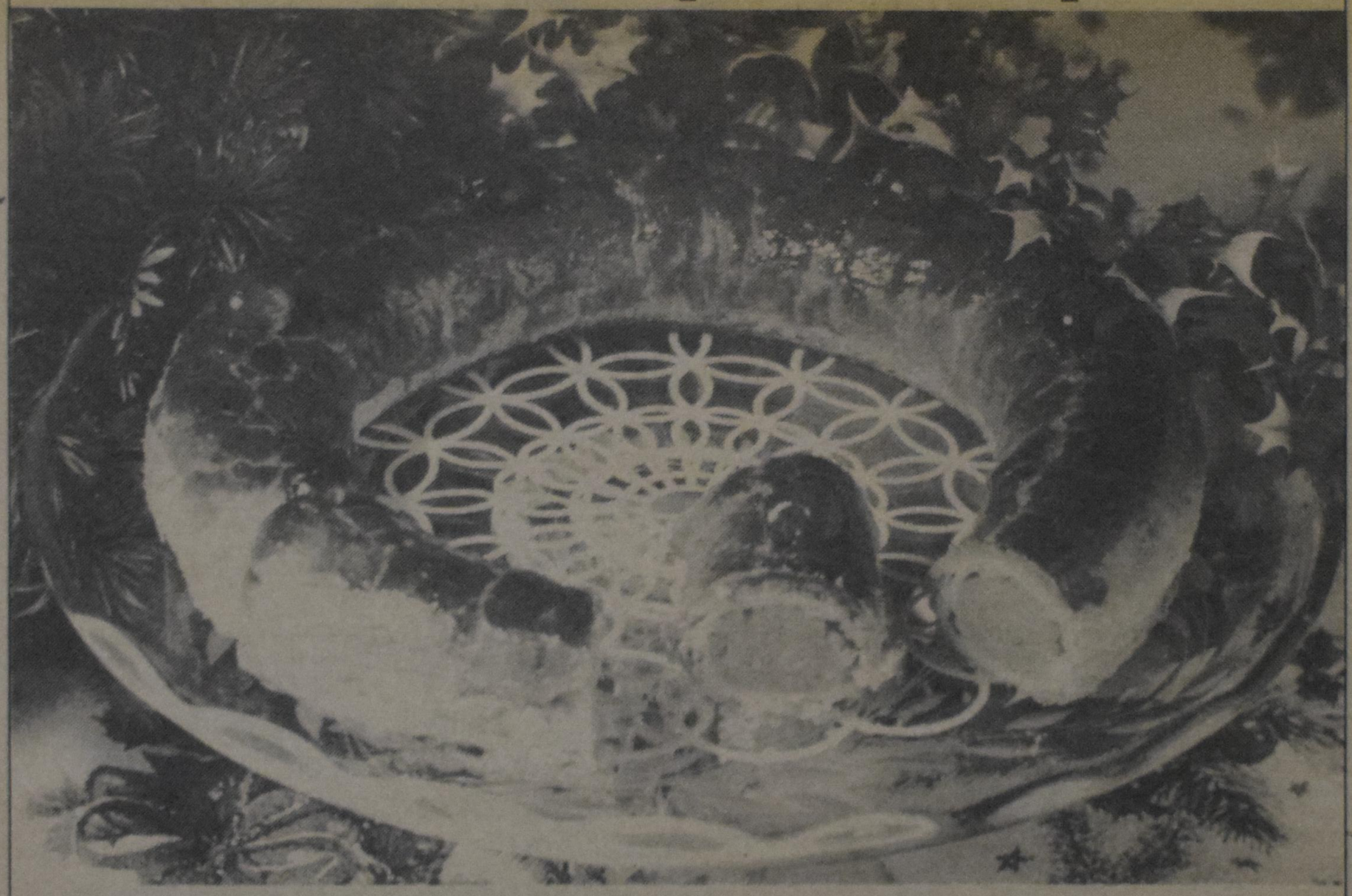

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U kent ze nog wel, die gezellige bladen uit Nederland. Mist u ze niet een beetje, met al die knusse verhalen over allemaal belangrijke en onbelangrijke dingen
U kende ze allemaal, die mensen waarover geschreven werd, over Drees of Sjoukje Dijkstra (ons schaatsfenomeen) of over de koningin - die is er nog steeds - maar heeft intussen wel 13 kleinkinderen
Weet u hoe ze allemaal heten?
Van de huidige minister president van Agt weet u misschien niets, of misschien alleen dat hij een verdienstelijk amateur wielrenner is, maar de tour de france zal hij wel nooit winnen want de staatszaken zullen wel vóór gaan. Van Johan Cruyff hoorde u daar over de grote plas beslist wel eens. Is hij nu voetbal miljonair of niet?
De sfeer van al die Nederlandse magazines is nog altijd even Hollands gebleven als voorheen..
Wat dacht u van de mode daarin mevrouw, de echte Europese mode waar u zo van houdt. Nederlandse magazines besteden daar ruim aandacht aan, de lezers worden goed en deskundig op de hoogte gehouden. Ze moeten wel goed zijn die magazines in Nederland.Wie noemde Nederland ook weer "een stampvolle, modderige bloempot"? u! Dat mag best hoor, want zo is het ook. Wie in Nederland een tijdschrift uitgeeft moet rekenen op felle konkurrentie en een niet ál te grote lezersmarkt. Nederland is nu eenmaal een klein landje, alléén kwaliteits magazines kunnen dat volhouden, geen wonder dus dat de Nederlandse magazines alleen het beste en mooiste in hun kolommen opnemen. Verslaggevers zwerven uit naar alle landen van de wereld waar andere gebruiken heersen, andere mode gedragen wordt en ander eten op tafel komt. Daarom zijn die magazines wellicht de meest veelzijdige ter wereld. Bovendien is er een ruime keuze uit allerlei soorten bladen die hun eigen karakter hebben. Voor vrouwen, mannen, dochters en zoons.
U kunt *NU* de kennismaking met die typische week- en maandbladen uit het land waar eens uw wieg stond hernieuwen!!

Holland Magazines brengt ouderwetse huiselijkheid bij U thuis

Natuurlijk herinnert u zich die gezellige bladen uit nederland en natuurlijk verlangt u regelmatig naar de margriet, libelle, handwerken, elseviers of voetbal intelnational. Holland Magazins voldoet aan dat verlangen, met vestigingen in Canada en Nederland brengen wij die knusse huiselijkheid weer bij u thuis. Wij zijn een jonge dynamische onderneming die onlangs Lectori Salutem hebben overgenomen en hebben een ruime ervaring in het uitgeven van Nederlandse week- en maandbladen in Canada en USA. Die ervaring heeft ons geleerd dat de leesbehoefte in de Nederlandse taal véél groter is dan in de stoutste dromen werd verondersteld. Om uw avonden (de lange winteravonden) weer dat typische sfeertje te geven zorgen wij ervoor dat u een keur van interessante magazines uit dat "kikkerlandje" onder ogen kunt krijgen. Magazines boordevol nieuws en ontspanning over mode, zelfmaak-mode, koken, woninginrichting, planten- en dierenverzorging, huishouden, kinderproblemen, verhalen, sport, spel, politiek en nog véél meer aantrekkelijke maar óók typisch Hollandse aangelegenheden. Schitterende bladen vol fraaie foto's, illustraties voor de lange winteravondenrondom de haard, maar ook zeker om zómaar gezellig te lezen.
Zelfs in de meest afgelegen streken van Canada en USA verzorgen wij onze abonnementen. De werkwijze is even simpel als doelmatig: De Nederlandse vestiging verzend de magazines - in containers per CP-air - wekelijks, onmiddelijk nadat deze van de persen rollen, waarna in Canada snelle bezorging verwezenlijkt wordt zodat uw abonnement veelal eerder bij u door de brievenbus glijdt dan dat hij in een Nederlandse kiosk te koop is. Dat is uniek!
Deze manier van werken maakt het Holland Magazines mogelijk véél goedkoper abonnementen op de Canadese markt te brengen dan de uitgevers in Nederland zelf. Deze voorzien hun buitenlandse abonnees namelijk via de(trage en dure) Nederlandse posterijen van magazines, daarnaast leveren wij óók kwartaal en halfjaar abonnementen en zo u dat wenst kunt u gespreid betalen.
Om alle abonnementen in goede banen te leiden werd kort geleden een computer geïnstalleerd voor de feillose registratie van abonnementen en betalingen, waardoor fouten nauwelijks zullen voorkomen. Het houdt daarmee echter niet op, want als u nu abonnee wordt op een van die gezellige bladen (op de achterzijde van deze folder staan ze allemaal) ontvangt u van ons een waardevol geschenk als beloning. U vindt de coupons hiervoor eveneens op de achterzijde van de folder.

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Bekijkt u rustig de foto's op pagina 4. Iedere nieuwe abonnee krijgt een van deze prachtige kado's ten geschenke. Zoekt u rustig uit wat u wilt hebben. Vul dan de coupon in. De aanbieding is geldig tot 31 december 1979. U kunt natuurlijk ook iemend anders opgeven als abonnee, dan is het geschenk voor u, leest u maar op pagina 4.
Misschien een leuk kado idee voor de komende feestdagen?

Even kennismaken.... Nederlandse bladen bieden u méér dan ontspanning.

margriet

Wie kent Margriet niet? In haar nu 41-jarige historie is dit weekblad uitgegroeit tot het grootste en meest gelezen damesblad van Nederland - onverwoestbaar - ook in Canada het meest geliefd. Dat is niet zo verwonderlijk want Margriet biedt wekelijks een grote hoeveelheid informatie en ontspanning, over mode, zelfmaak-mode, koken, woninginrichting, planten- en dierenverzorging maar vooral ook over alle aspekten van de vrouw in de huidige maatschappij. Ontspanning biedt Margriet u in met zorg gekozen verhalen, intervieuws en steeds weer verrassende strips, daarnaast brengt zij iedere week ook een groot aantal zeer gevarieerde onderwerpen die u zeker zullen aanspreken. Bovendien veel extra's als: gratis bijlagen die het bewaren waard zijn; interessante jaarlijkse modeshow voor zelfmaak mode, twee maal per jaar een schriftelijke naaikursus, en de specials als Breishow, Margriet mode, kookboeken e.d. Kortom, Margriet is de moeite waard, ook voor u in Canada.

libelle

Van hetzelfde laken een pak, (of is het hier japon) Libelle is een van de gezelligste damesbladen; wordt wekelijks door bijna 2 miljoen vrouwen gelezen en groeit nog steeds. Libelle heeft echte aandacht voor de vrouw en wat haar allemaal interesseert en bewijst dat dan wekelijks nog met boeiende artikelen, praktische informatie en plezierige verhalen. Libelle volgt de mode op de voet, ook om zelf te maken, heeft aandacht voor relaties en vrijetijds besteding, dit damesblad besteed ruime aandacht aan o.a. kinderopvoeding. Natuurlijk vindt u in Libelle, evenals in de meeste andere damesbladen, ook een rubriek met brieven van lezeressen - vaak onthutsend openhartig. Libelle besteedt méér aandacht aan handwerken zoals breien, haken enzovoort. Zo gezellig is alleen Libelle.

Viva

Dit is het meest eigentijdse weekblad onder de damesbladen. Het wordt gemaakt door vrouwen die jong denken. Viva is typisch het blad van deze tijd: Eerlijk en informatief! Dat bewijst het elke week weer omdat het schitterende toonaangevende mode laat zien, een makkelijk modieus zelfmaakpatroon afdrukt en overheerlijke snel-klaar-recepten opdient. Maar Viva biedt u méér, zoals: leuke woonideeën, openhartige verhalen over mensen en hun relaties, vrijmoedige intervieuws met nationale en internationale sterren en wekelijks de rubriek Help, waarin vrouwen met problemen deskundig advies krijgen. Dat maakt Viva zo eigentijds, dat maakt Viva tot een blad om erbij te nemen.

Story

De opwindende wereld van de show-business brengt story wekelijks bij u thuis. De suksessen, maar ook de schandalen van topsterren, het woelige gebeuren rond het witte doek en ontroerende verhalen weet dit blad u op pakkende wijze te presenteren. Hollywood en Hilversum lijken dichtbij, Soestdijk en Drakesteyn naast de deur, de idealen van de prinsessen en het kattekwaad van de prinsjes; u leest het allemaal in Story. Story schrijft over mensen, mensen die we allemaal kennen, over hun plezier en verdriet, hun ambities en teleurstellingen. Het laat u het applaus meebeleven, de roes van de roem. Beroemde mensen met hun mooie en lelijke kanten - Story weet er meer van. Elke week weer!

ELSEVIERS MAGAZINE

Elseviers weekblad en Elseviers magazin: Bladen voor de man die op de hoogte wil blijven van het politieke en economische gebeuren, maar niet op de laatste plaats óók voor de vrouw die belang stelt in wat er om haar heen gebeurt. Op deskundige wijze wordt er geschreven over de nationale en internationale politiek, de inflatiespiraal, de energie problematiek en de werkloosheid.

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Ons Koningshuis en Vorsten Vandaag

Naast de vele in deze folder genoemde magazins willen wij de aandacht vestigen op de bovenstaande bladen. Deze geven informatie over respektievelijk het Nederlandse Koninklijk Huis en over alle andere Vorstenhuizen ter wereld. Graag gelezen bladen óók bij u in Canada. De bon op pagina 4 geeft alle informatie voor u.

Dat bij Holland Magazines de klant nog echt koning is willen wij u bewijzen. Mocht u misschien vragen hebben over bepaalde magazins, maar wellicht ook over boeken, grammofoonplaten of iets totaal anders uit Nederland, vraag het ons gerust, wij specialiseren ons in alles uit nederlanden verzorgen het met plezier voor u

PANORAMA EN NIEUWE REVUE

Wij hebben gemeend Panorama en Nieuwe Revue niet meer naar Canada te moeten halen. Wij van Holland Magazines kunnen ons niet zo verenigen met de naar onze begrippen wat populaire benadering van de lezers door deze bladen. Op deze bladen - die zonodig moeten ontbloten, ontrafelen en onthutsen - kunt u zich bij ons dus niet meer abonneren. Gelukkig zijn er vele goede Nederlandse Magazines, bekijkt u de lijst op pagina vier maar eens. Op pagina 3 staat een stukje over NIEUWSNET, een nieuw opiniblad, kunnen wij van harte

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voetbal international

Voetbal International is thuis in de internationale voetbalwereld. Een gezaghebbend blad op dit gebied en dat is geen wonder in een land dat jaar in jaar uit zoveel voetbaltalenten voortbrengt. Dat er juist overzee veel belangstelling voor dit blad bestaat is niet zo verwonderlijk als u het onder ogen krijgt. Een must voor de voetbal enthousiasten onder u.

ariadne

Een werkelijk onuitputtelijke bron van inspiratie voor mensen die graag handwerken, borduren of breien. Zelf-doen is met Ariadne geen enkel probleem meer. Het is zó bekend, zó uitgebreid, wij hebben er bijna geen woorden voor zó goed het is.

knip marion

Knip en Marion, wij hebben ze voor het gemak maar even onder een hoofdje gezet want ze specialiseren zich in nagenoeg het zelfde onderwerp namenlijk de zelfmaak mode.Elk blad geeft maandelijks honderd of meer modellen voor groot en klein. Als u slechts één model uit een van deze bladen maakt, heeft u een jaarabonnement meestal al terug verdiend. Deze komplete vakbladen voor zelfmaak mode geven van de modellen altijd een patroon op raderbladen. Ook de duidelijkheid van de maatbeschrijvingen en de perfekte pasvorm zijn belangrijke voordelen van Knip en Marion.

AVENUE

Met Avenue gaat er elke maand een wereld voor u open! Veelzijdigheid is het kenmerk van Avenue. De kwaliteit van het drukwerk zeldzaam mooi. Wanneer wonen uw lust en leven is, wanneer u een echte gourmet bent met plezier in lekker eten en koken, wanneer verre landen u bekoren, reizen uw hobby is, als mode u lief is of wanneer u iets wilt lezen over mensen van wetenschap en kunst, dan is Avenue het blad voor u.

Het is een maandblad van grote klasse en geschikt voor het hele gezin. Uniek zijn de reportages uit binnen- en buitenland, met opmerkelijke foto's en fraaie illustraties. Als extra vindt u elke maand een handzame, uitneembare gids, waarin telkens met toegespitste tekst en duidelijke afbeeldingen een interessant onderwerp wordt uitgediept. Avenue is een goed boek. Jammer als het uit is. Daarom zijn er 12 Avenue's per jaar.

kinderen

Kinderen is speciaal gemaakt voor ouders met kinderen. Een maandblad dat op verantwoorde manier informatie geeft over opvoeden en over groeiproblemen van de kinderen. Het leert u spelletjes, het vertelt u iets over psychologie en pedagogie:"Hoe vaak zei u nee tegen uw kind vandaag ??". En natuurlijk vergeet het de kindermode niet. Bovendien in de rubriek "speelkwartier" informatie over het schoolgaande kind.

vt-wonen

Ideeënblad voor huis en tuin. VT-

TEKST JACQUES ROS – FOTO'S HENDRIK JAN VAN BRANDWIJK

KOOT EN BIE Manneti es la it onze bladen...

Hoe gaat dat allemaal in z'n werk, wat moet ik doen en wat mag ik van Holland Magazines verwachten?

Natuurlijk is het uw goedrecht om precies te weten waar u aan toe bent als u de coupon invult en opstuurd. Ten eerste kunt u in plaats van de coupon in te vullen natuurlijk ook schrijven naar ons of opbellen(dat gaat het snelst).Uw abonnement gaat dan op 1 januari 1980 in, of indien u dat wenst eerder, doch minimaal een kalender kwartaal, u bepaalt de lengte van het abonnement verder zelf door dan op de coupon in te vullen. Dit opgegeven abonnement is dan geldig tot u het weer opzegd. Zodra uw coupon of telefoontje bij ons arriveert wordt onze computer voorzien van uw gegevens en zorgt er feilloos voor dat u wekelijks of maandelijks uw magazines in de bus krijgt. Aan het begin van de door u gekozen abonnementsperiode maakt deze machine een "invoice" voor u, waarna u ruim dertig dagen de tijd heeft de bij uw abonnement behorende prijs te betalen. Als uw betaling niet helemaal op tijd arriveerd is dat niet zó erg (als het maar niet zo héél lang duurt). De computer produceerd in dat geval de volgende maand wel een "statement", waarvoor hij u slechts vijftig dollarcents in rekening brengt. U mag uw abonnement ook gespreid betalen over de gekozen periode, mits gelijke termijnen per maand aan ons worden verzonden. Op deze "overdue accounts" brengen wij slechts 1% rente per maand in rekening.
Onze Canadese vestiging, waaraan ook alle betalingen gericht moeten worden, is dagelijks bereikbaar voor uw vragen. Schrijven kan natuurlijk ook. Heeft u vragen of wensen, die u in deze folder niet vindt, neem gerust kontakt op. Adreswijzigingen liefst 2 weken vooraf, schriftelijk opgeven. Wij verzoeken u vriendelijk bij uw betalingen altijd het klant- en/of invoice nummer te vermelden. Alle abonnementen gaan in per kalenderkwartaal, tussentijdse opgaven worden proportioneel berekend over het lopende kwartaal. Alle vermelde tarieven zijn in Canadese dollars. Aan u wordt een kleine bijdrage in rekening gebracht voor 'Postage & Handling'. Voor maandbladen: per halfjaar 1,45+1,35, per jaar 2,75+2,65. Voor weekbladen:per kwartaal 2,95 +2,95, per halfjaar 5,95+5,95, per jaar 9,90+9,10. Holland magazines garandeerd dat in 1980 geen prijsverhoging zal worden toegepast, met als uitzondering de- of revaluatie van de canadese dollar ten opzichte van de Nederlandse gulden met méér dan 10%.

wonen maakt het wonen nog prettiger en het leven nog plezieriger met haar tips over wonen, inrichting en woningverbetering. Het staat boordevol met kleurenfoto's die u laten zien hoe u uw huis kunt inrichten of verbeteren. Daarnaast bevat het technische beschrijvingen, geeft kleuradviezen, plantenverzorgingstips en nog veel meer van die zaken die met huis en tuin te maken hebben.

handig

Het blad voor de doe-het-zelver. Als hoofdartikel altijd: woonkomfort-verbetering. Verder komen de klussen aan bod van de vakman afgekeken, reparatie een informatieve rubriek (bv energiebesparing) en kunt u aan handig al uw vragen stellen.

handwerken

Een gezellig blad dat iedere maand honderden nieuwe handwerk-ideeën biedt. De vele tienduizenden abonnees op Handwerken weten zich elke week verzekerd van een schat aan ideeën en suggesties op het speciale terrein van hun hobby: **Handwerken.**Daarom bevat dit maandblad veel informatie over borduren, breien, haken enzovoort Véél mode voor kinderen en elke maand opnieuw veel over kleur en fleur in uw interieur. U kunt het zo gek niet bedenken of het staat in handwerken. Alles glashelder voorgedaan om zó zelf te maken. Wie zich op Handwerken - een telg uit het huis van Margriet - abonneert, krijgt het blad in huis dat van alles het ,,hoe" laat zien. Dat is nog eens plezierige tijdpassering.

NIEUW IN CANADA

Zoals u elders wel al gelezen zult hebben verkopen wij Panorama en Nieuwe Revue niet meer in Canada. Als vervanging hiervoor brengen wij het nieuwste Nederlandse blad in Canada: **NIEUWSNET**.
Dit blad streeft naar optimale informatie. Zaken zoals Nato, slapeloosheid, en over het "Muldergate" schandaal in Zuid-Afrika gaat Nieuwsnet niet uit de weg. De redaktie van dit blad is uitsluitend samengesteld uit mensen die een bekende naam hebben in de journalistiek: W.F. Hermans, Harry Mulish, Adèle Bloemendaal etc. Zo zijn er ook vaste gast-columnisten, economen, defensie specialisten en politieke kroniekschrijvers die Nieuwsnet het lezen waard maken. Kunnen wij u van harte aanbevelen.

Kijk

Dit populair-wetenschappelijk maandblad ontrafelt telkens weer geheimen van mens en samenleving, techniek en natuur, aarde en ruimte. Toch is het geen blad vol cijfers, grafieken en wetenschappelijke taal. Het geheim van Kijk is juist dat het al die informatie, al die wetenschappelijke feiten zo begrijpelijk en boeiend op een rijtje weet te zetten. Niet alléén door de goede verhalen is Kijk zo boeiend, maar ook door de schitterende foto's en illustraties. Is het een wonder dat dit blad in zijn soort het grootste van Europa is? Kijk is ook voor scholieren een geweldige hulp, het is een blad waar u met plezier naar uit zult kijken!

lees verder op pagina 4

bobo EPPO Donald Duck tina

Naast alle gezellige, mooie en interessante week- en maandbladen uit het kleine landje voor de grote mensen hebben wij natuurlijk ook uw kinderen niet vergeten. Holland Magazines heeft speciaal voor hen een groot aantal spannende en leuke bladen in petto.

Bobo, leuk en leerzaam voor peuter en kleuters. Donald Duck (u kent het vast nog wel van vroeger) u wil het nu misschien ook nog wel zelf lezen. Eppo, een weekblad vol strip verhalen voor de jeugd. Tina het grootste stripweekblad voor meisjes

PRIVÉ

PRIVÉ, uit de "Telegraaf-stal". Een vrij nieuw blad in Nederland met een al erg hoge oplaag. Verslaggever Henk van der Meyden geeft er wekelijks gestalte aan en mede daarom is het uitgegroeit tot een van de meest gelezen bladen. Privé "opent deuren die voor anderen gesloten blijven". U vindt er erg veel in over het Koninklijk Huis, over sportmensen, politici, popsterren, regisseurs etc. Het blad vertelt u bv ook hoe u op een gemakkelijke manier kunt afslanken en over uw uiterlijk. Een veelzijdig en plezierig blad dus! Als u eens iets anders wilt lezen dan de ellende die u dagelijks in de krant leest moet u Privé maar eens proberen.

COUPON

(zó aangeven wat u wenst) HIERLANGS AFKNIPPEN

Maandbladen	halfjaar	jaar	2 jaar
O Handwerken	24.70	46.00	91.00
O Ariadne	24.40	45.60	90.50
O Knip	24.10	45.00	89.00
O Marion	24.40	45.60	90.50
O Vrije-Tijd Wonen	24.40	45.60	90.50
O Ouders van nu	24.70	46.00	91.00
O Kinderen	23.20	41.00	80.00
O Avenue	29.90	55.90	110.00
O Handig	24.40	45.60	90.50
O Elegance	36.90	69.00	136.00
O Vorsten Vandaag	24.10	45.00	89.50
O Kijk	25.50	47.70	93.50
O Doe-Het-Zelf	25,50	47.70	93.50
O Burda (duits met Ned. vertaling)	32.50	59.90	118.00
O Neue Mode (Duits met Ned. vertaling)	29.90	55.90	110.00
O Ons Koningshuis (6 keer per jaar)		23.50	46.00
O Puzzle boekje		23.10	46.00

Weekbladen	kwartaal	halfjaar	jaar
O Margriet	26,35	49.10	94.75
O Libelle	26.35	49.10	94.75
O Elsevier Magazin	34.80	65.20	125.35
O Elsevier Weekblad	29.35	55.70	105.00
O Story	23.10	42.80	82.35
O Privé	26.35	49.10	94.75
O Viva	26.35	49.10	94.75
O Dames Roman	23.10	43.80	82.35
O Voetbal International	28.20	52.85	99.95
O Donald Duck	19.95	37.50	71.00
O Eppo	19.95	37.50	71.00
O Bobo	19.95	37.50	71.00
O Tina	19.95	37.50	71.00
O Nieuwsnet	34.80	65.20	125.35

Agrarische Weekbladen	
O De Boerderij	99.75
O De Boerderij + Veehouderij	122.75
O De Boerderij + Akkerbouw	119.75
O De Boerderij + Varkenshouderij	119.75
O De Bloemisterij	99.75

Bovenstaande lijst van abonnementen is natuurlijk niet alles wat er in Nederland wordt uitgegeven, doch wel het voornaamste. Vindt u niet niet wat u zocht, vul dan onderstaand bij "bijzonderheden" in wat u zou wensen, wij laten u de mogelijkheden dan weten. Heeft u andere vragen of wilt u iets aan uw opgave toevoegen, vermeld ook dit dan bij bijzonderheden.

Ja, ik wil regelmatig een Nederlands blad lezen, noteerd u mij tot wederopzegging op het blad dat ik in bovenstaande kolom heb aangekruist. Ik heb mijn geschenkkeuze bepaald op: .....hier de letter behorend bij uw keuze vermelden

Ik ontvang het blad gedurende minimaal: (zó aangeven wat u wenst)

O 2 jaar O 1 jaar O ½jaar O 1 kwartaal

Naam .....

Adres .....

Plaats .....Provincie.....

Postcode ..... Tel .....

Hierboven uw eigen naam en adres invullen.

Bijzonderheden .....

.....

.....

(niet genoeg ruimte? Doe er een apart briefje bij, u krijgt altijd antwoord).
Hierlangs afknippen als het adres waar de magazines naar toe gaan gelijk is aan het adres waar de rekening naar toe gaat

Ik geef een abonnement kado. Wilt u het magazine van mijn keuze zenden naar onderstaand adres. Het geschenk en de rekening gaan naar mij. (adres boven).

Naam .....

Adres .....

Plaats ..... Provincie .....

Postcode ..... Tel .....

Hierlangs afknippen als het adres waar de magazines naar toe gaan anders is dan het adres waar de rekening naar toe gaat.

Bovenstaande coupon langs de stippellijn uitknippen en inzenden aan: Holland Magazines 14 Ladywood drive, Rexdale (Ontario) M9V 1K9. U kunt ook bellen (dat gaat vlugger) (416) 746-0255.

Nog méér voordeel. . .

Als de coupon ons bereikt of u ons gebeld heeft voor **12 December 1979**. Zenden wij u de laatste nummers (u weet wel, die dikke voor de feestdagen) nog vóór Kerstmis aan u toe en berekenen u slechts 60% van de prijs.

Wij willen niet pretenderen met de voorgaande verhalen over Nederlandse magazines kompleet te zijn, wij willen u slechts een indruk geven van de verschillende bladen. Linksonder op deze pagina vindt u alle door ons uitgebrachte magazines vermeld en er staan er meer dan wij hier in dit korte bestek konden behandelen, allemaal met hun eigen specialiteiten. Vindt u echter het blad dat u wilde lezen niet op deze lijst, laat het ons dan even weten: 100 tegen één dat wij u ook dat blad leveren. Heeft u andere ideeën, of zoekt u boeken uit Nederland die u graag wilt hebben, schrijf of bel ons, wij zorgen naar beste vermogen dat u het krijgt.

Vakbladen ook voor de landbouw en de bloemisterij

Wekelijks deskundige 'shoptalk' vanuit Nederland

Politici, geleerden en experts zijn het nooit met elkaar eens. U kunt dus begrijpen dat wij wat huiverig waren voor het aanbieden van specifieke vakbladen uit Nederland. Maar Holland Magazines heeft zoveel verzoeken gekregen, uit alle hoeken van Canada om ook agrarische tijdschriften in de kollektie op te nemen dat wij op onderzoek uitgingen. Zijn er dan toch experts met zoveel gezag dat zij algemeen geaccepteerd worden? Wat u - Nederlandse agrariër in Canada - allang wist ontdekten wij toen ook. De Nederlandse agrarische tijdschriften zijn toonaangevend in de Wereld. Geen wonder eigenlijk. De Nederlandse landbouw staat op zeer hoog peil. En wij bedoelen de landbouw in de breedste zin van het woord. "Boerderij" is het weekblad voor het platteland. Een tijdschrift dat zich met zijn algemene landbouwinformatie richt tot bedrijfsleiders, grote en kleine ondernemers en werkers in de randgebieden. Boerderij kan door ons wekelijks geleverd worden met of zonder gespecialiseerd supplement. Men heeft de keuze uit: Veehouderij, Akkerbouw of Varkenshouderij. Veehouderij richt zich tot gespecialiseerde rundveehouders met aktuele vakinformatie. Het gaat diep in op bedrijfseconomische ontwikkelingen. Akkerbouw doet hetzelfde voor de grote en kleine akkerboer Varkenshouderij is zowel voor de fokker als voor de mester bestemd. Verder hebben wij voor u het blad "Bloemisterij". Dit officiële orgaan van de Nederlandse bloemisterijen is een must voor hovenier, veiling- en handelskweker en schenkt veel aandacht aan tuin-bouw-onder-glas. Of het nu gaat over rattestaartlarven, babybiggenkorrel of doorroestende bouten, over kalver opfok in open stal, of iets anders, De Nederlandse Vakbladen adviseren deskundig, commentarieren scherp en beschrijven helder.

Specials

Diverse Nederlandse uitgeverijen geven een of meerdere keren per jaar speciale uitgaven uit. Onze abonnees worden door ons telkens wanneer zo iets gebeurt op de hoogte gehouden via folders die bij het abonnement worden ingesloten. Wij hebben er nog een heleboel in huis, bestel ze nú.

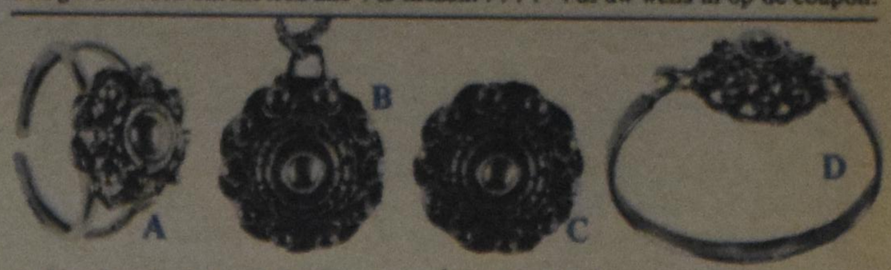
Knippie: uniek voor zelfmaak kindermode, alle patronen op het raderblad $ 6,90
Margriet Breishow: Voor de liefhebster van breien een ware delicatesse $ 6,90
Margriet agenda: Jaarlijkse uitgave vóór 12 december bestellen $14,50
Margriet mode: Wintermode uit europa anno 1980, nog enkele stuks $ 8,25
Ariadne kruissteek: Borduren voor u! met gratis werkbladen $ 8,95
Ariadne haken: Eindeloos goed en uitgebreid $ 6,90
Borduren: Uit het huis van Margriet, heet van de naald, vol patronen $ 8,95
Burda, Mode voor de volslanken, met raderblad. Duitse taal met Nederlandse vertaling $ 6,90

Wist u dat. . .

- **leder gewenst blad tot de mogelijkheden behoord.**
- **om een voorbeeld te noemen: omgerekend naar Nederlands geld u, voor een jaarabonnement op Margriet, als u dat rechtstreeks van de uitgeefster in Nederland betrekt *f* 314,60 moet betalen en bij Holland Magazines slechts *f* 193,70.**
- **dat u, door bij ons een abonnement te nemen dus tot bijna 40% bespaard!**
- **dat u uw voordeel daarmee kunt doen**
- **dat uw abonnement in Canada ook via b.v. familieleden in Nederland kan lopen.**
- **dat wij in Nederland het telefoon nummer 02152 - 55680 hebben.**

Geschenken voor nieuwe abonnees

Voor nieuwe kwartaal abonnees op de weekbladen en halfjaar abonnees op de maandbladen kochten wij deze prachtige kollektie verzilverde sieraden, gemaakt naar origineel zeeuws model. Neem nú dat abonnement op een nederlands tijdschrift dat u al zo lang wilde, vul de coupon in en wij zenden uw hoogstpersoonlijke keuze naar u toe. Gratis, helemaal voor niets.
Een fraai voorbeeld van de krachtige eenvoud van de Nederlandse volks-edelsmeedkunst. We gaan echter nog een stapje verder met deze geschenken: U kunt het aantal namelijk zelf bepalen. Wanneer u zich abonneert voor 2 kwartalen of halfjaren kunt u ook 2 geschenken kiezen, b.v. de broche én de ring, dan heeft u al een leuke set. Dus 3 of 4 keuzen maken bij evenzovele kwartalen of halfjaren. Een goede reden om meteen alle 4 te kiezen. . . . ? Vul uw wens in op de coupon.



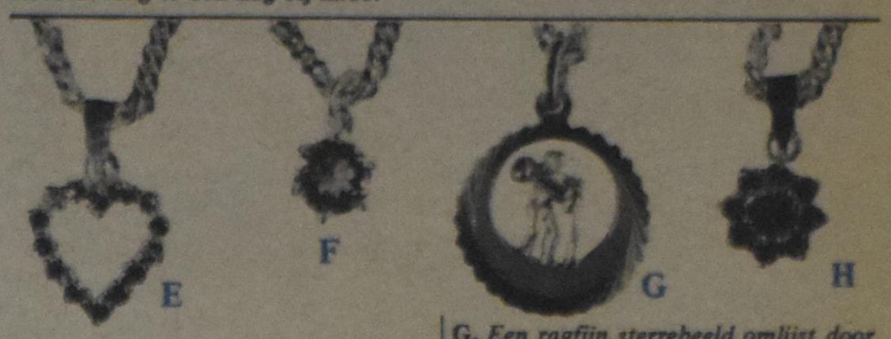
A. *Verzilverde ring met Zeeuwse knop, in maat verstelbaar.*

B. *Prachtige hanger aan zwaar verzilverde ketting.*

C. *Een broche gemaakt van dezelfde Zeeuwse knop als de hanger.*

D. *Verzilverde armband met identiek motief.*

Minimaal een half jaar wekelijks of een jaar maandelijks leesgenot besteld u bij ons om één van deze zeer fraaie hangers te bemachtigen. De kwaliteit van het zilver 835/1000, kenners kennen die kwaliteit wel, ongelooflijk goed en . . . omdat we toch aan het weggeven zijn en de feestdagen naderen, geven wij de zwaarverzilverde ketting er ook nog bij kado.



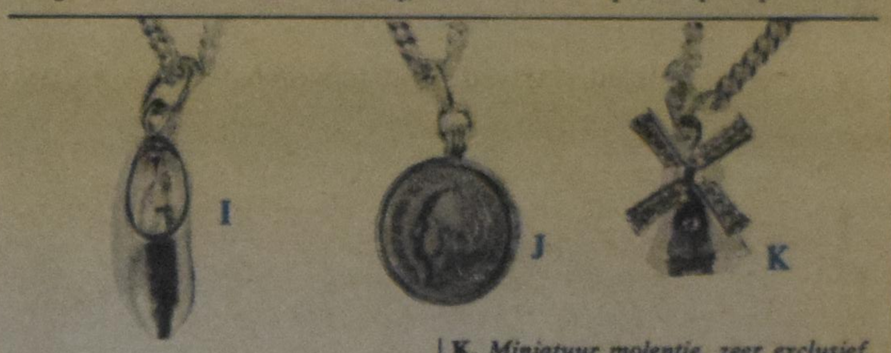
E. *Opengewerkt hartje, afgezet met maar liefst 14 bergkristallen.*

F. *Een prachtig , als een brillant geslepen, flonkerende bergkristal. Gevat in een zilveren kelkje.*

G. *Een ragfijn sterrebeeld omlijst door een zilveren stralenkrans. [vergeet niet op de coupon te vermelden welk sterrebeeld u wenst].*

H. *Hanger van bergkristallen: Eén grotere omkranst door acht kleintjes gevat in een dubbele ringvatting.*

Als u toch van plan was langere tijd een abonnement te nemen op een nederlands tijdschrift doe het dan nu! Vul op de coupon in dat u een jaar lang een weekblad of twee jaar een maandblad van ons wilt en wij zenden u uw keuze uit deze geschenken. Massief zilveren sieraden van de 835/1000 kwaliteit. Indien zo'n eksklusief kleinood in Canada te koop zou zijn, dan zou het al gauw zo'n vijftig à zestig dollar kosten. Wees er snel bij, de voorraad is beperkt. op is op.



I. *Massief zilveren klomp, gaaf gesmeed uit één stuk zilver.*

J. *Een echt zilveren dubbeltje [Wilhelmina] ook in Nederland zeldzaam, gevat in zware ringvatting. Uit de vooroorlogse tijd, toen kleingeld grote waarde had.*

K. *Miniatuur molentje, zeer exclusief, met wieken die draaien kunnen. Logisch zochten wij voor u in Canada het oer-hollandse type Bovenkruier.*

We treden in herhaling maar dit is écht uniek en zeldzaam. De voorraad is beperkt, wie het eerst komt het eerst maalt.

Dit is het mooiste kadoaanbod van holland magazines

ATLAS VAN DE NEDERLANDSE LANDSCHAPPEN

Een prachtig boek, de trots van uw boekenkast, zojuist in Nederland verschenen. Holland Magazines reserveerde er een paar honderd voor haar Canadezen; laat uw vrienden zien hoe mooi Nederland is en geniet er ook zelf telkens weer van.
Geef u nú op als abonnee, en kies in plaats van een der bovenstaande geschenken, bij minimaal een halfjaar abonnement op een der weekbladen of een jaarabonnement op een der maandbladen, deze prachtige atlas als geschenk.
Meteen doen de voorraad is beperkt én . . . . op is op.
(dit boek is erg zwaar, en omdat wij het heelhuids bij u aan willen laten komen, brengen wij als u dit boek kiest, een bijdrage in verzending en verpakking in rekening van slechts $ 7,95.

Panorama van Nederland in 23 Landschappen.

De Atlas van Nederlandse Landschappen is gemaakt om voor iedereen op een rijtje te zetten wat we nog aan natuurwaarden bezitten. U vindt alles in dit boek, een monument van het totale Nederlandse landschap anno 1979. Uit dit boek blijkt in tekst en uit zo'n 500 kleurillustraties dat Nederland kan worden ingedeeld in 23 "landschappen" met eigen kenmerken. Het formaat (24 x 34 cm) is bijzonder royaal te noemen.
Holland Magazines geeft u dit enorme boek kado, als u nu besluit een abonnement te nemen.

De vreze des Heren

Het woord dat in het Oude Testament het meest gebruikt wordt voor de "vreze des Heren" wordt ook vaak vertaald als eerbied voor iets hebben, of ontzag hebben. De Bijbel zegt: ieder zal voor zijn moeder en zijn vader ontzag hebben. Voor Mijn heiligdom zult gij eerbied hebben (Lev. 19:3, 30). Toen Samuel de Heer aanriep, gaf de Heer op die dag donderslagen en regen, zodat het gehele volk zeer bevreesd werd voor de Heer (1 Sam. 12:8). Ergens anders staat dat het volk de Heer vreesde omdat Hij Egypte verslagen had ... en zij geloofden in de Heer en in Mozes, zijn knecht (Ex. 14:31).

Gij, mijn volk, zult vrezen voor uw God, Ik ben de Heer.

Het betekent dus ontzag voor God hebben, vol eerbied Hem benaderen. Dat ontzag, die eerbied is rein, voor immer bestendig (Ps. 19:10).

Een ander woord wordt ook gebruikt - niet zo vaak als 't eerste - het betekent vrees. De Heer is voorwerp van vrees en verering (Jes. 8:13). De Heer der heirscharen, Hem zult gij heilig achten en Hij moet het voorwerp van uw vrees en Hij moet het voorwerp van uw schrik zijn. Wij moeten bang zijn voor deze God. Bang zijn om Hem boos te maken. Hij is immers de Geweldige, de Heilige, die niet met zich laat spotten.

Soms wordt er ook nog met een ander woord gezegd dat de Heer de Vreze van Izak is. Hij beschermde Izak. Hij was een schrik voor degenen die Izak, Jacob benauwden. Jacob noemt de Heer zo en geeft te kennen dat hij nooit zo gezegend zou geworden zijn als de Vreze Izaks niet bij hem was geweest.

Het lijkt er op dat de Heer zo Abraham, Izak en Jacob beschermt als achter een vurige muur die de vijanden afschrikt.

In het Nieuwe Testament is er maar één woord voor vrees en dat heeft te maken met bang zijn.

Daar denken we ook direkt aan als we het woord vrees horen uiten. En het lijkt wel in overeenstemming met de Hebreeuwse woorden als we er bij zeggen: we vrezen de Heer d.i. we zijn o zo bang om Hem boos te maken.

Wandelen in de "vreze des Heren" wordt een leven waarin echt rekenschap gehouden wordt met de geboden des Heren. Ontzag, eerbied, onderdanigheid wordt er door uitgedrukt.

Paulus zegt ergens: wij hebben beloften van God ontvangen, geliefden, laten wij ons daarom reinigen van alle bezoedeling des vleses en des geestes en zo onze heiligheid volmaken "in de vreze Gods" (2 Cor. 7:1).

God vrezen dat is vroom leven, d.w.z. dapper strijden tegen de zonde en de verleiding. Het is er steeds om denken dat God alles over ons te zeggen heeft.

We moeten Hem gehoorzamen, en zo er voor zorgen dat Hij niet boos op ons behoeft te worden. God roept ons daartoe op. Hij zegt het zelf in Deut. 5:29 als Hij over Zijn Volk spreekt in wensende vorm: Och, hadden zij steeds zulk een hart om Mij te vrezen en om al Mijn geboden te onderhouden, opdat het hun en hun kinderen voor altoos wel mocht gaan!

U ziet het wel, God wil niet boos worden op Zijn kinderen. Hij wenst gehoorzame kinderen. Hij zucht er als het ware om. Hij zegt ook ergens (Mal. 1:6). Ben Ik een Vader, waar is de eerbied voor Mij? Ben ik een Heer, waar is de vrees voor Mij?

Er zijn heel wat teksten in de Bijbel die spreken over de "vreze des Heren," en het zou goed zijn als we er acht op gaven. Er wordt over 't algemeen te slordig geleefd. We hebben in onze kerken vrome mensen nodig, die bang zijn om onze Verbondsgod boos te maken. Ook onze kinderen moeten het vroeg leren dat ze bang moeten zijn om de God van hun doop boos te maken. Dat kan. God is boos als we zondigen. Dan doen we Hem verdriet. En Hij houdt zo veel van ons dat Hij Zijn eniggeboren Zoon gegeven heeft om voor onze zonden te sterven. Hij wil ook onze zonden om Jezus' wil vergeven. Maar Hij wil ook dat we als we Hem liefhebben, naar Zijn wil leven en in deze wereld levende brieven van de Heer Jezus zijn. En als we dat niet zijn is Hij boos op ons. De Bijbel zegt: God is 'n God die elke dag boos wordt. Er zijn zoveel zonden in de wereld. Ook nog bij Zijn volk. En dat is 't ergste. Dat verdriet Hem 't meest.

Jong moeten we leren de Heer te vrezen.

We hebben mensen nodig voor de opbouw van Kerk en Koninkrijk van wie kan worden gezegd als van Cornelius, "hij was godzalig en vrezende God."

We hebben mensen nodig met practische levenswijsheid om ons kerkelijk leven te bouwen. In Evangelisatie en Zending behoren ze hun gaven en krachten en goed te geven. Hun gebeden moeten de werkers sterken. Zelf moeten ze ook getuigen zijn.

De Bijbel zegt dat de vreze des Heren het begin van die wijsheid is. Zo leven dat God niet boos op ons wordt helpt om een goed inzicht te hebben in de taak die voor ons ligt (Ps. 111:10).

Wie kan zo leven? Laten we God bidden ons te helpen er naar te jagen. De Heer wil dat wij een hart hebben dat Hem vreest.

Hij vraagt, smeekt er om!

J. Van Harmelen

Kok is verhuisd

door J. Plomp

(Gereformeerd Weekblad) — Kok is allang een begrip. Het eerst in Kampen, later in gereformeerd Nederland, toen in christelijk Nederland in het algemeen, en sedert een aantal jaren kan men zonder meer zeggen: in Nederland. Kok is in 1894 klein begonnen. Een zekere heer J. H. Kok, 22 jaar oud, begon in Kampen toen een boekwinkeltje. Zijn eerste klanten lokte hij door in de winkeldeur op een citer te spelen, werd dezer dagen onthuld. Niet te geloven als je het aristocratische gelaat ziet op het portret van de heer Kok op middelbare leeftijd.

Uit het boekhandeltje is een uitgeverij gegroeid. Een uitgeverij die in de geschiedenis van de emancipatie van de gereformeerden in dit land een niet geringe rol gespeeld heeft. Kok was van meet af hun uitgever en werd dat voor aller oog toen hij de uitgever werd van de werken van A. Kuyper, van H. Bavinck en van allerlei andere gereformeerde groten en kleinen. Speciaal dat volksdeel heeft Kok zeer aan zich verplicht.

In de latere jaren sloeg Kok zijn vleugels steeds wijder uit. Het oude vertrouwde pand, Oudestraat 5, was al sedert jaren niet meer in staat alle activiteiten en de producten daarvan te herbergen. Er kwamen dependances op diverse plaatsen in de stad. Maar het was allemaal lapwerk.

De tijd werd rijp voor de enig afdoende oplossing: *nieuwbouw*. Enige maanden geleden is die voltooid. Op het industrieterrein van Kampen werd een indrukwekkend groot complex betrokken: 8000 m² op een terrein van 22,500 m². Maandag 8 oktober a.s. werd complex *officieel* in gebruik genomen. Diverse notabiliteiten waren aanwezig: twee commissarissen van de B.V., directeur mr. W.E. Steunenberg, de burgemeester van Kampen, de heer H.C. Kleemans, en de minister van sociale zaken prof. dr. W. Albeda, die de rede hield.

Eens voerde de firma een vignet: een zeeman aan een stuurrad en daaronder de woorden: *Ick hou koers*. Ik heb dat altijd prachtig gevonden. Maar dat vignet is allang

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PERSOVERZICHT

Carl D. Tuyl

• Trudeau trad af als leider van de Liberale partij. Een opvolger zal in Maart 1980 gekozen worden. Dat betekent natuurlijk dat de Liberalen geen verkiezing op korte termijn kunnen hebben en dat geeft de regering even tijd om op adem te komen. Hetgeen geen overbodige luxe is want ten gevolge van twee distriktsverkiezingen is de meerderheid tot maar een stem ingekrompen.

• De N.D.P. is bijeen in een nationale vergadering in Toronto. Broadbent hield een "van-dik-hout-zaagt-men-planken-rede" maar achter de schermen is er partij-onenigheid tussen de linksen en de meer gematigde socialisten.

• Een lid van het parlement beschuldigde de regering van onvriendelijkheid tegen de vreemd-talige pers in Canada. Het zou, zo werd er gezegd, te maken hebben met het feit dat een groot percentage van die pers Liberaal gezind was. (Ik heb inderdaad de laatste tijd niet zoveel regerings advertenties in *Calvinist Contact* gezien).

• Alle scholen krijgen volgend jaar een cadeautje van Alberta : een Canadese encyclopedia ter gelegenheid van het komende 75 jarig bestaan van die provincie.

• De Bennett regering in B.C. zit in de penarie in verband met het feit dat nogal vieze verkiezingspraktijken aan het licht zijn gekomen. Er werd gewerkt met valse handtekeningen onder brieven en meer zulke aardigheidjes.

• Jean-Claude Parrot de baas van de posterij vakvereniging ging voor 90 dagen de bak in omdat hij tijdens de staking van 1978 het vertikte de postmannen weer aan 't werk te sturen.

• De vader van de Dionne vijfling is overleden. De overlevende drie zusters die met de rest van de familie overhoop liggen waren bij de begrafenis.

• Amerikanen hebben het hard te verduren in Mohammedaanse landen. In Teheran zitten de gijzelaars nog steeds gevangen. Amerika dirigeert oorlogsschepen naar de Perziese Golf, maar Khomeini zegt als er een aanval komt gaan de gijzelaars er aan. En toen ze in Pakistan bericht kregen dat de Mohammedaanse bedevaartplaats in Mekka bezet was, brandden ze ook maar eventjes de Amerikaanse ambassade af. Het personeel werd gered door het leger, en het bleek dat de bezetters van Mekka leden van een Moslem sekte waren.

• Er waren relletjes in de straten van Jeruzalem waar geprotesteerd werd tegen de stijgingen in de kosten van het levensonderhoud.

• De Arabiese landen vergaderden in Tunis en verschillende sprekers drongen aan om olie import naar landen die Israel ondersteunden af te breken.

• In Engeland gaat natuurlijk alles heel netjes en beheerst. Van de week werd er echter afgekondigd dat een ontmaskerde spion een lekker baantje kreeg aan het hof. Dat liep voor vele Engelsen toch wel de spuigaten uit.

• Muzorewa werd luiddruchtig ontvangen in Salisbury. Hij waarschuwde dat groepen die de wapenstilstand zullen breken niet bij de komende verkiezingen zullen worden toegelaten.

• China volgt een aardig effektief geboortebeperkings-beleid. Gezinnen met een kind krijgen belastingaftrek, terwijl gezinnen met meer kinderen extra belast worden.

Ontario (1)

Provincie als een hoeksteen

door Marcus Van Steen

(Canadian Scene) — Ontario is niet de grootste provincie van Canada. Geografisch gesproken, is het 948,939 vierkante kilometers grote gebied ervan slechts klein vergeleken bij de 1,268,500 vierkante kilometers van Quebec. Maar het neemt in zoveel opzichten de eerste plaats in, dat de invloed van deze provincie op het economische, politieke en culturele leven in Canada zeer groot is.

Toen de provincie in 1867 een deel werd van het verenigde Canada, woonde daar bijna de helft van alle inwoners van de nieuwe natie, en tegenwoordig woont nog steeds ongeveer 35 procent van de totale bevolking van Canada daar. Economisch is Canada verantwoordelijk voor een nog groter aandeel in de nationale activiteit. De mensen in Ontario vormen 35 procent van Canada's arbeidskrachten, betalen 42 procent van de inkomsten die de federale regering binnenkrijgt uit persoonlijke inkomstenbelasting, en produceren 43 procent van Canada's totale uitvoer.

Ontario produceert 91 procent van alle auto's die in Canada worden gemaakt, en 75 procent van alle ijzer- en staalproducten. Een derde van alle in Canada geregistreerde auto's rijdt in Ontario rond. En ondanks de hoge concentratie op fabricage, produceert Ontario ook nog 15 procent van alle bosbouwproducten van Canada, 30 procent van alle boter, 41 procent van al de kaas, en 80 procent van al de tabak die men in Canada verbouwt.

Om deze vooraanstaande positie te verwerven heeft Ontario geprofiteerd van een overvloedig rijke natuur. De geografische ligging van de provincie biedt vele voordelen. Het zuidelijkste gedeelte ligt op dezelfde breedtegraad als Noord-Californie, het grootste deel van Spanje en Portugal, en midden-Italie, en dat betekent dat er een grote verscheidenheid vruchten en groenten kunnen groeien. Het Noordelijke gedeelte omvat onder andere het Canadian Shield — een rotsmassa rijk aan ijzer, uranium, koper, nikkel, zilver, goud en andere mineralen. De grenzen lopen langs de uitgestrekte watervlakten van de Hudson Bay, de Grote Meren en de rivieren de Ottawa en de St.

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afgeschaft. Begrijpelijk. Het stamde uit en paste in de tijd van de mannenbroeders, de tijd dat Kok nog de specifiek gereformeerde uitgever was. Dat is hij niet meer en dat kan hij niet meer zijn, wij hebben daar begrip voor.

Toch weten wij dat dit volksdeel, waaraan de uitgeverij haar opkomst te danken heeft, in het hart van hen die er thans leiding aan geven nog altijd een bijzondere plaats inneemt. Ik veroorloof mij de wens: dat moge zo blijven. Kok hoeft het niet meer in zijn boeken af te drukken noch op andere wijze den volke kond te doen, maar als wij mogen merken dat hij in dit opzicht koers wil blijven houden — al was het maar globaal — zal ons dat deugd doen, veel deugd.

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Lawrence, die belangrijke mogelijkheden voor transport bieden. Vooral in de eerste jaren van de ontwikkeling van de provincie, waren deze vervoerswegen heel waardevol.

Maar deze natuurlijke voordelen moesten door de mensen uitgebuit worden, en de eerste kolonisten in Ontario waren een energieke en vindingrijke groep. Eerst kwamen de pelshandelaars, die de meren en rivieren gebruikten om naar hun jachtgebied te reizen en met hun rijke lading weer terug te keren. Toen kwamen de boeren, en daarna de houthakkers. Gedurende het grootste deel van de vorige eeuw zag men, zodra het ging dooien in het voorjaar, de winter-oogst van de rivieren afkomen naar de houtzagerijen of naar de haven van Montreal, waar ze verscheept werden naar markten in Engeland en Europa. Ottawa, de hoofdstad van Canada, is gelegen op de plaats van het vroegere Bytown, dat als een houtindustriecentrum aan de Ottawa-rivier was gesticht.

De eerste kolonisten in Ontario begrepen heel goed hoe belangrijk waterwegen waren, en men speculeerde veel over manieren om de provincie in verbinding te stellen met de wereldscheepvaart. De eerste Luitenant-Gouverneur, John Graves Simcoe, opperde plannen voor kanalen waarlangs schepen van de St. Lawrence rivier naar de top van Lake Superior zouden kunnen varen. Zijn voorstellen wierpen inderdaad vrucht af, maar pas nadat hij zelf naar Engeland was teruggekeerd.

In 1829 werd het eerste Welland Kanaal geopend, en zo konden schepen langs de Watervallen van de Niagara varen. Een tweede kanaal, dat langs de waterval van Long St. Sault bij Cornwall voerde, werd in 1843 geopend. Pas in 1959 werd de St. Lawrence Seaway geopend, en daarlangs kunnen oceaan-schepen de Grote Meren opvaren en het hart van het continent bereiken. Thunder Bay, slechts 640 km bij Winnipeg vandaan, wordt nu als de belangrijkste graanhaven ter wereld beschouwd, en Toronto, 3,200 km van de oceaan verwijderd, verwerkt ongeveer 5,443,080 ton oceaanvracht per jaar.

Nog een andere factor die ertoe bijdroeg dat Ontario het voornaamste industrie-gebied van Canada werd, was electriciteit. De provincie had rijke energie-bronnen, en men ging daar al gauw gebruik van maken. De eerste electriciteitsfabriek in Canada werd in 1882 gebouwd aan de Rideau rivier, om een aangrenzende houtzagerij in Ottawa van electriciteit te voorzien. Zes jaar later werd er een electriciteitsfabriek gebouwd aan de Credit rivier, om electriciteit te verschaffen aan een papierfabriek een aantal mijlen ervandaan in Georgetown, en zo was bewezen dat electriciteit overgebracht kon worden van de bron naar waar er behoefte aan was.

In 1892 begonnen de werkzaamheden om de energiebron van de Niagara-waterval bruikbaar te maken, en in 1906 stichtte de regering van Ontario het eerste openbare energie-bedrijf ter wereld, geleid door Sir Adam Beck. Ondanks beschuldigingen uit de particuliere sector dat de provincie een gevaarlijk experiment met socialisme aanging, is het met Ontario Hydro heel goed gegaan. In 1910 was het grootste deel van Zuid-Ontario op het electriciteitsnet aangesloten. En nu, zeventig jaar later, neemt Ontario Hydro een vooraanstaande plaats in bij de ontwikkelling van kern-energie.

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MIDDEL: Hiermede onze hartelijke dank aan onze kinderen, kleinkinderen, familie en vrienden van ver en nabij voor het meeleven door kaarten en bloemen en de goede wensen met onze 55 jarige Huwlijks Herdenking. Gode zij dank dat we deze dag met vreugde mochten gedenken, en ook samen deze dag in tamelijke gezondheid mochten gedenken.
"Wat zal ik met God's gunsten overlaan, dien trouwe Heer voor Zijn gena vergelden?" Psalm 116:7.

Harm en Aaltje Middel (nee Veenstra)

LUIMES: We would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, relatives and friends for making our 50th Wedding Anniversary such a happy occasion. Also for the many cards, flowers and donations to the Bible League. A special thank-you to our children for the dinner they gave in our honour. And we thank the Lord for all his blessings and pray for guidance in years to come.
Rudolph and Hendrika Luimes,
R.R. #2, Chesterville, Ont.

PROSPER: We like to thank our children and all our friends for making our 25th Wedding Anniversary such a happy one. Thank you all very much.
Bill and Affy Prosper,
Athens, Ont.

VAN DOP: We wish to express our thanks to our children and grandchildren, family and friends, for the way they made this an unforgettable day. Also those who live far away in Ontario and Alberta. It is our sincere wish that they also may experience the Lord's blessings in their life. The cards and flowers made this an unforgettable day.
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Van Dop,
Richmond, B.C.

VAN DYKE: IN THE BEGINNING GOD: — With humble hearts we like to express our thanks to our heavenly Father who has been our guide in the past and pray for continued guidance — for bringing us together as a family among his magestic mountains to celebrate our 30th Wedding Anniversary. To our children, friends and relatives both new and old, near and far, we like to thank you all for helping make this such a special occasion.
Bob and Mary Van Dyke,
#200, 5000 Dalhousie Dr., N.W.,
Calgary, Alberta.

BIRTHS

PRINS: "Worthy art Thou, O Lord to receive glory and honour and power for Thou hast created all things" (Rev. 4:11).
We, George and Sylvia Prins (nee Hovius) would like to share with you the good news that God has blessed our family circle with the birth of a baby. PETER GIDEON was born on November 21, 1979 and weighed 10 lbs. 4½ oz. Gideon is a little brother for Danielle. Grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hovius of Gowanstown and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Prins of Dunnville.
215 Maple St., Dunnville.

BIRTHS

BAKKER: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . ." (Psalm 139:14).
We thank God for the gift of our son, JULIAN PETER KNOOPS BAKKER, born November 12, 1979. A grandson for Mr. and Mrs. K. Knoops of Mississauga, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. S. Bakker of Calgary, Alta.
Doro and Arend Bakker,
853 Tandridge Cres, Rexdale, Ont. M9W 2P2.

DONKER: We, John and Barb Donker (nee Veenema) thank the Lord for his precious gift to us, ALISA JOY. Born on October 30, 1979. Second grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Donker of Fenwick, and first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Veenema of Dundas, Ontario.

GELDERMAN: With joy and thankfulness to God, we, John and Pat (nee Van Neck), announce the arrival of our first-born, a son, MICHAEL JOHN, born on October 26, 1979. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gelderman, Neerlandia, Alta., and Mr. and Mrs. G. Van Neck, Edmonton, Alta.
Box 125, Neerlandia, Alta. T0G 1R0.

HAANSTRA: We thank the Lord, our Creator, who has entrusted in our care, our 4th child, (ANNA) MARIE, born November 14, 1979. A sister for Derek, Christa and Sarah. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob de Vries, St. Catharines, Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Haanstra, Garijp (Fr.) The Netherlands. Thankful parents are: John and Greta Haanstra (nee de Vries).
P.O. Box 212, Erin, Ont. N0B 1T0.

HOVIUS: Albert and Bev are happy to announce the birth of a baby daughter, born at South Huron Hospital, Friday, November 2, 1979. First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Bert Branderhorst and another grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hovius; first great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. D. Boersma.

KEMPER: We, Ted and Liz (nee Bruining), with joy and thankfulness in our hearts to God, the Creator of life, are happy to announce the birth of our first child, BENJAMIN JAMES, 7 lbs., 10 oz., born on November 10, 1979, at McMaster Medical Centre. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruining of Freelton and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemper of Waterdown.
R.R. #1, Waterdown, Ont. L0R 2H0.

KOOY: With thankfulness to our God, we joyfully announce the birth of our son and brother, PHILIP HENRY, born October 29, 1979. Happy parents are Henry and Marg Kooy. Excited siblings: Rodney and Michelle. Joyful grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. F. Kooy, Sr., of Bowmanville, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smids of Sarnia, Ont. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. Koopmans, Sr., of Yist, Friesland, the Netherlands.
67 Lincoln Rd., Chatham, Ont. N7M 4Y8.

BIRTHS

SCHILSTRA: Harold and Barbara thank God for the safe arrival of our first child, a son whom we named KEVIN JAMES. He was born on Friday, November 2, 1979 and weighed 7 lbs. 8½ oz. First grandchild for both Mr. and Mrs. John Rintjema of Smithville and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schilstra of St. Anns, Ontario.
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ANNIVERSARIES

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Brockville, Ontario

On December 9, 1979, we lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joy, as we celebrate with our parents, their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

JOHN and GERRY MULDER
(nee Wildeman)

We thank God for his love and care over them in their years together and pray for his guidance in the years to come.
With much love, their children:
Harry — Ottawa, Ont.
Henry
Judy
Home address: 769 Tupper St., Brockville, Ont., K6V 6A1.

We rejoice in the Lord for his gift of marriage to our parents,

ROBERT and JOANNE VAN DYKE
(nee Eygenraam)

On December 9, 1979, the Lord willing, we will celebrate with them the Lord's blessing in their 30 years of marriage. We pray for the Lord's continued guidance and blessing in their marriage.
Linda & Jim; Hanna, Beth, Melita, — Brantford
Wally & Darlene; Jamie — Barrie
Debbie — Edmonton
Faye — at home
Kevin — at home.
Holland Marsh, Ontario.

1929 — 1979
Harmelen, The Netherlands — Forest, Ontario

On Tuesday, December 11, 1979, we hope, D.V., to celebrate with our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

DIRK and MARTHA VAN ROOYEN
(nee Timmer)

their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We thank the Lord for his faithfulness and love shown in all those years. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and be near to them in the years to come.
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Dina & Simon Dreise — Chatham, Ont.
Martin & Grace Van Rooyen — Forest, Ont.
Adrian & Margaret Van Rooyen — Tiverton, Ont.
Alice & Bert Schreiber — Ottawa, Ont.
Martha & Albert Luth — Dresden, Ont.
Dick & Elizabeth Van Rooyen — Forest, Ont.
Sidney & Hielkje Van der Heide — Mitchell, Ont.
William & Margaret Van Rooyen — Ripley, Ont.
Bert & Tine Van Rooyen — Forest, Ont.
Francis & Connie Van Rooyen — Forest, Ont.
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ANNIVERSARIES

1939 — 1979
Haamstede — St. Catharines

On Saturday, December 15, 1979, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents and grandparents,

PETER and TOOS MANNI
(nee Boot)

their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
Their children and grandchildren:
Pete & Jan; Andrew, Owen, Alexandra — Mississauga
Leo & Joyce; Ryan, Brie-Anne — Niagara-on-the-Lake
Marijke & Morgan; William, Sussan, Peter — Kitchener
Jane & Doug; Sarah — Guelph
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278 Parnell Rd., St. Catharines.
Best wishes only.
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MARRIAGES

DEJAGER-BERRY: Mr. and Mrs. T. de Jager of Lethbridge, Alta., and Mr. and Mrs. R. Berry of Winnipeg, Manitoba are happy to announce the recent marriage of their children, ALI and DAN. The wedding took place, November 9, 1979 at the First Chr. Ref. Church of Lethbridge, Alta., with Rev. J. Tuininga officiating.
Future address: 302 — 3107 Blakiston Dr., N.W., Calgary, Alta. T2L 1L7.

KOOISTRA-WEENING: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kooistra of Holland Marsh, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weening, Sr., of Springdale, Ont. are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, GRACE and HARRY. The wedding will take place on Saturday, December 22, 1979, D.V., at 3:00 p.m. in the Holland Marsh Chr. Ref. Church, Holland Marsh, Ont. Rev. M. Lise officiating.
Future address: 122 Bronte St. S., Apt. #729A, Milton, Ontario L9T 1Z1.

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Future address: 760 Mohawk Rd. W., Apt. #301, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 6P6.

OBITUARIES

On November 16, 1979, after a long illness, the Lord called home his servant,

JAN ADRIANUS FABER

at the age of 56 years.
Beloved husband of Antje Faber-Jansen.
" 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8).
Beloved father and grandfather of;
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Leo — Chatham, Ont.
Rolien — Chatham, Ont.
Carolin — Chatham, Ont.
The funeral services were held, Monday, November 19, 1979, in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Chatham, Ont. Rev. L. Slofstra officiating.
Home address: 82 Marion Ave., Chatham, Ont.

OBITUARIES

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Mary Seinen — Smithers, B.C.
Betty Seinen — Houston, B.C.
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and 10 grandchildren.

Isaiah 40: 6-8
On the Lord's Day, November 11, 1979, our dear husband, father, grandfather, suddenly passed away, at the age of 74 years.

HENDRIK WIEBE VEENSTRA

Beloved husband to Trijntje Oostra, since 1931.
Dear father and grandfather to;
Jake & Joyce Damsma; Peter, Trecia — Kitchener, Ont.
Marten & Christina Veenstra; Debbie, Henry, Audrey, Nancy, Georgina — Edmonton, Alta.
Betty & Gerry Van der Ende; Teresa, Wilma, Geraldine, Leona, Terry, Henry — Milton, Ont.
Bill & Corrie Veenstra; Ian, Rennie, Raymond — Brampton, Ont.
The funeral service took place on November 13, 1979 from the Chr. Ref. Church, Cambridge, Ont. Rev. Harry Bout officiating. Internment, Cambridge Cemetery.
Isaiah 40: 8 "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of God stands forever."
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STEVE VEENEMA

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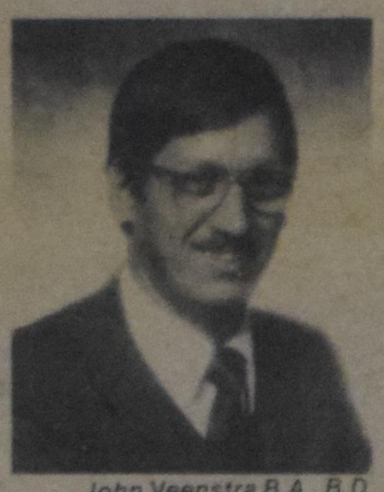

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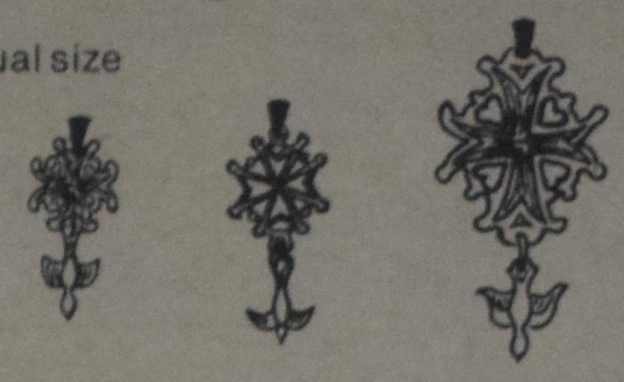

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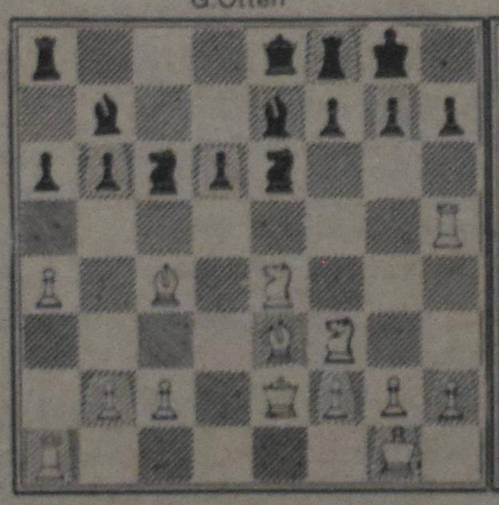
LET'S PLAY CHESS

Editor: Pete Layer

Correspondence Results
GROUP A (1979)
A. De Weerd 1 (1) G. Otten 0 (0)
This is the first result for Group A.
FINALS 1977
K. Amsinga 1 (2) A. De Weerd 0 (0)
Mr. Amsinga is leading in points, but two remaining games could change the standings!

A
G. Otten



A. De Weerd

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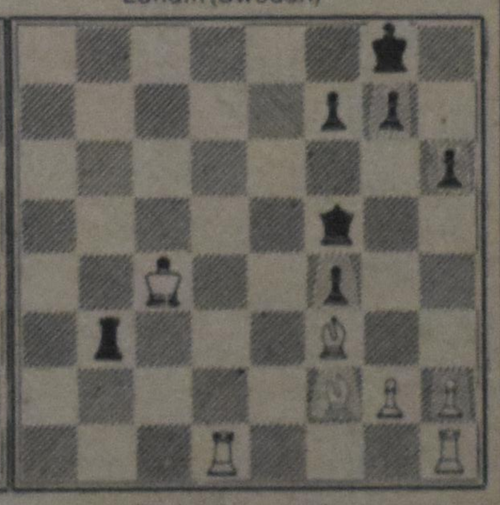

Szabo (Hungary)

position after 15. R-KR5.

Position A is taken from the correspondence game mentioned above. White has just started a King side attack. At first, it doesn't seem Black has anything to fear. White's pieces seem vulnerable to attack and Black is free to move so: 15 . . . . P-KN3; 16. N/KB3-KN5!, PxR; 17. QxP, BxN; 18. N-B6 ch!, BxN; 19. B-Q3 threatening; 20. QxP mate. Black cannot avert ultimate disaster (1-0). A beautifully-found combination!

Position B is from an end game discussed in the August 17, 1979 issue of *Calvinist Contact* where I stated that I could not find a clear win for Black. As Mr. Amsinga hinted, I had not checked the appropriate Endgame Theory. After 38 . . . , Q-B7 ch., and 39 . . . , QxB; Black has two pawns more than White which is a theoretically lost game. (Q vs. R and B.) Had White been one Pawn ahead it would have been even. The doubled Pawn does not compensate for the deficit in material. Thankyou, Mr. Amsinga!

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Books

The family

Help along the way

When Your Child is Hyperactive, by Kenneth Helting, MSW; **When Your Child Learns to Choose**, by Andrew D. Thompson; **When the Woman You Love is an Alcoholic**, by Joan Curlee-Salisbury; **When Your Child Needs a Hug**, by Larry Losoncy; **When Your Son/Daughter Plans for the Future**, by Thomas D. Bachhuber; **When God is at Home with Your Family**, by David M. Thomas; all published by Abbey Press, St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577; distributed in Canada by B. Broughton Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ont.; paperback, approx. 95 pages each; price: $2.50. Reviewed by Anne Hutten, Kentville, N.S.

Not some more how-to books! was my negative reaction when these six slim volumes arrived in the mailbox. However, a careful reading has made it clear that these books are worthy of a place on any family's bookshelves, and especially in the Christian family.

Without moralizing, without pretending to have easy answers, these six authors provide parents (and others) with a wealth of practical information on a variety of situations which may come up. The book on hyperactivity is aimed primarily at parents who have such a child; but I found plenty of helpful suggestions which apply equally to my own "normal" sons. The chapter on effective discipline, for instance, reminds fathers and mothers to be consistent in their verbal and nonverbal commands; and to substitute positive messages for the more negative ones which may destroy a child's self-image.

When Your Child Needs a Hug traces the emotional development from infancy to maturity, and makes the valid, often ignored point that teenagers also need to be hugged, whether physically or through verbal messages. "Hugs come in many different forms," says the author; anyone who needs to be re-affirmed through praise (and who doesn't?) will agree.

When Your Child Learns to Choose may raise a few eyebrows among Reformed readers: the author clearly states that children should be discouraged from taking the Bible stories literally. "Besides being contrary to the research findings of biblical scholars and common sense as well, a literal interpretation of every story in the Bible will probably eventually become an obstacle for the adolescent who learns to use logic - " (page 52). However, if such paragraphs can be discarded by the reader, there are also valuable insights to be gained: parents should emphasize "the acceptability of diversity within the church." And later: "Youth who pass through their teen years without having had to think through the meaning of Christian values, practices and doctrines, will arrive at physical adulthood without a Christian basis for spiritual maturity."

The book dealing with a child's planning for the future takes an exceptionally practical approach, right down to the writing of resumes, arranging an interview, and speaking to a prospective employer. However, it also makes clear that young people today have many choices; they need not choose one career, prepare for it and stick with it forever; flexibility is the key in finding happiness in one's vocation.

Women alcoholics? I have no statistics on the prevalence of this problem, but the author suspects that this disease may be as common among women as it is among men. She further emphasizes that alcoholism may be more destructive to a woman, since "nothing is more disgusting than a drunk woman" - a popular sentiment which often leads to a protective head-in-the-sand stance by relatives.

When God is at Home with Your Family, again a practical guide to some of the pitfalls encountered by believers. David Thomas does not suggest that love comes easily or naturally or forever. He knows the divorce rates; and he has a reasonably good idea of the reasons for them. "Throughout the Bible the marriage relationship is appreciated as a unique reflection of God's covenant relations with his people," he writes. In addition, he points out the Christian family's call to ministry, passing along the gifts they have received.

Easy to read; insightful; interesting; generally Christian in their values. I recommend them.

Fiction

Fransje's faith and vision

He Gathers the Lambs by Cornelius Lambregtse; published by Paideia Press, St. Catharines, Ontario, and Premier Publishing, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1979; clothbound, 290 pages; price: $7.95. Reviewed by Tini Van Ameyde, Edmonton, Alberta.

Here is the English version of **In Zijn arm de lammeren**, a book that is already well-known to those in our circle who are able to read Dutch. When I introduced this book to C.C. readers about eight years ago, I did so with delight. Mr. Lambregtse had given us a book that was not only well-written and entertaining, but which also enriched our spiritual life with the joy and childlike faith of its characters.

He Gathers the Lambs is the story of Fransje Westraete, a lovable little boy who lives - some time in the Twenties - on the green island of Zuid Beveland in the Netherlands. As the youngest child of a hard-working farmhand, he discovers very early in life what poverty is. But, thanks to his God-fearing parents, he also learns that happiness has nothing to do with money or status. It comes from being at peace with Him who made the world and gives His children so many beautiful things to enjoy - every day and for free.

Fransje's greatest wish is to grow up fast, to become a big boy like his brothers. But this is a wish that cannot be fulfilled because God has other plans: Fransje's fourth birthday is the last one he is allowed to celebrate in this world. With his little hand in the good Shepherd's hand, he joins the celebration that will go on forever.

If this story sounds rather sad to you, I can assure you that **He Gathers the Lambs** is a book you will enjoy. It does not only deal with serious matters, but it is also filled with the warmth of a loving family, down-to-earth humor, precise description of the beauty of Zeeland, and a detailed account of the colorful customs of a lifestyle long gone. And what makes it outstanding is that the author succeeded so well in telling us the story through Fransje's eyes. All those "important" grown-ups, the wild adventures with his brothers, the fascination animals, the Bible and the "Oh-if-it-could-only-happen-to-me" church, right and wrong; we see it all through the wide eyes of a little boy who becomes sure that, somewhere, there is a land where the powers of evil will no longer be able to destroy the happiness of God's children. Actually, Fransje is, in the author's own words, also a portrait of "every true believer who is on pilgrimage in this world."

Books suffer in translation, and I'm sorry to say this one is no exception. When I prepared the review, I became aware that translation of this book must have been a very difficult task. Harry der Nederlanden, on the whole, did an excellent job. But it cannot be denied that there is a loss of atmosphere and color. Part of it could not be avoided: how do you translate conversations in the dialect of Zuid Beveland? What I thought a pity, however, is that he moved the storyteller to the past. There may have been a good reason for this, too, but the author's choice of the present tense enabled the reader to think and feel right along with Fransje, from minute to (breathless) minute.

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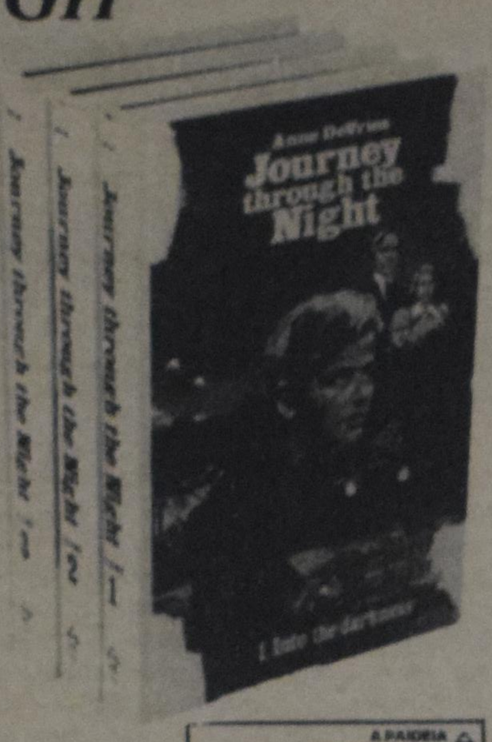

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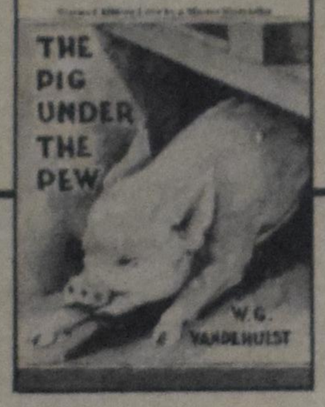

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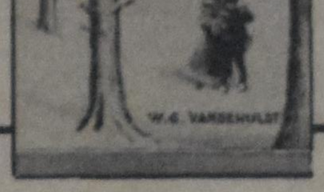

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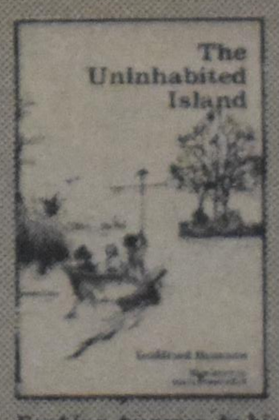

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